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11 community cases ID'd

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» CNMI case total now 329

Eleven individuals were identified and confirmed positive for COVID-19 through contact tracing on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, according to a Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. news release yesterday. All 11 have since been isolated and are being actively monitored.

Also in yesterday's announcement, CHCC reported that there have been 38 cases since Oct. 28. Thirty were identified through contact tracing, seven through community testing, and one through travel testing.

There are currently 39 active

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Camacho arrested in alleged assault case

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Rep. Vicente Camacho (D-Saipan) was arrested last night in connection with an allegation that he and others assaulted a man over the weekend.

There were no immediate details about Camacho's arrest other than that it was in the execution of an arrest warrant.

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Camacho

3,221 stimulus cards out in next few days

» Cards worth $1.88M in all
» Additional payments for stimulus 3, local stimulus cards, will be made in next 2 to 3 weeks

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Over 3,000 CNMI stimulus cards have already arrived and people can expect to get them in the next few days, according to Division of Revenue and Taxation director Tracy

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AT A GLANCE

As of 5:04pm, Nov. 2, 2021

VACCINATIONS IN THE CNMI

Eligible Population Fully Vaccinated: 83.8%

Days since last community transmission: 1

Pfizer/BioNTech	
Initiated:	30,668
Fully Vaccinated:	29,898
Moderna	
Initiated:	4,900
Fully Vaccinated:	4,736
Janssen	
Fully vaccinated:	878

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	18,286	35	18,321
Recovered	15,732	0	15,732
Active	2,312	35	2,347
Deaths	242	0	242

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	318	11	329
Traced via Travel Screening	256	0	256
Traced via Community Screening	62	11	73
Deaths	3	0	3

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., https://www.vaccinatecnmi.com/vax-dashboard/

COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:
- **Red:** Least safe
- **Orange**
- **Yellow**
- **Blue**
- **Green:** Safest

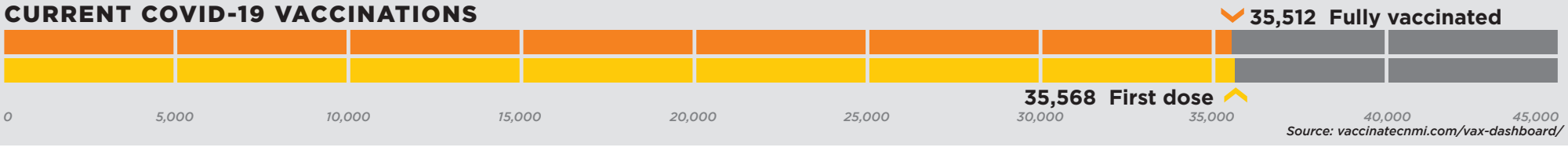
Source: Office of the Governor

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Over 300 luminaries were lit at the Marianas Memorial of the American Memorial Park last Saturday in commemoration of the 929 Chamorros and Carolinians in the CNMI who lost their lives during World War II. In a Facebook post about the candlelight vigil, American Memorial Park said these individuals were "caught in a war not of their making" and that "the people of the Northern Marianas, like many civilians throughout the Pacific, became victims of war." The Marianas Memorial commemorates those who died as a result of war-related causes from the beginning of American aerial bombardment on Saipan on June 11, 1944, to the closure of civilian camps on July 4, 1946. At the memorial, 10 granite panels bear 929 names.

JOSHUA SANTOS

CURRENT COVID-19 VACCINATIONS



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Local

‘Those with underlying health conditions are at most risk’

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Preventative healthcare programs, which generally aim to prevent the onset of chronic diseases, and underlying health conditions are intertwined issues and that connection between these two come to the fore in cases like COVID-19, according to Dr. John M. Tudela, chief medical officer for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

In a statement *Saipan Tribune* obtained last week, Tudela pointed out that the interplay between the two is highlighted by the fact that individuals with underlying health conditions are at most risk of succumbing to COVID-19-related complications.

Generally speaking, Tudela said, preventative healthcare programs “aim to reduce our risk of developing early onset chronic diseases, which leads to physical incapacitation, poor quality of life, and untimely death.”

One example of preventative healthcare in the CNMI that Tudela pointed out is CHCC’s ongoing efforts to prevent obesity, and said that preventative healthcare programs “are always designed to encourage regular exercise, weight management, and a healthy diet at an early age as well as regular visits with a healthcare provider to guide each of us through the important milestones as we age and obtain the recommended screenings.”

However, if obesity goes unaddressed, individuals will develop chronic diseases, notably diabetes, said Tudela. For individuals with diabetes, they are much more vulnerable to “all kinds of infections, including viruses like COVID-19,” he added.

“The complications as a result of these chronic diseases reduces the ability of an individual to mount an adequate immune response to counteract such infections as well as have enough physical reserve to maintain a balance within the body’s physiology during an acute illness,” said Tudela.

Tudela

As to why a small number of vaccinated individuals with underlying health conditions still get infected with COVID-19 (called “breakthrough cases”) and die from severe COVID-19 disease, Tudela said that he and other fellow health officials “don’t have yet a clear understanding” yet of why these deaths occur, but said that early research has shown that “immune response in [these] vulnerable populations may be waning after six to eight months since their vaccination series were administered.”

Tudela said that in these “breakthrough cases,” the individuals tend to have complications of severe organ failure triggered by the virus.

“For example, a patient with chronic heart failure and on hemodialysis infected with [COVID-19] may progress to worsening fluid overload and cause accelerating respiratory failure leading to cardiac arrest,” he said.

Citing research from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, Tudela pointed out that unvaccinated individuals are still “12 times more likely to be hospitalized with severe disease [compared] to a fully vaccinated person.”

The research that Tudela mentioned can be found in the summary portion here: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#covidnet-hospitalizations-vaccination .

Tudela said that preventative health measures should start “early while we are young to avoid having early onset chronic disease and becoming vulnerable to infections and organ failure” in the long-term.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Tudela urges those eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine to get their shots, and to get their doses as soon as possible. For those who are vaccinated but are still vulnerable due to underlying health conditions, Tudela advises these individuals to get their booster dose.

Tudela said all of the approved COVID-19 vaccines are available in the CNMI and are free, and that making use of the preventative tools available will lessen the chance of COVID-19 evolving into more easily transmissible, deadlier variants.

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NMI Judiciary mandates COVID-19 vaccinations for employees

In light of the recent confirmation of community transmission of COVID-19 on the island of Saipan, the NMI Supreme Court issued an order yesterday requiring all Judiciary employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Under the order, anyone who is not vaccinated will be required to undergo weekly testing before entering the workplace.

The order takes effect Dec. 6, 2021, allowing enough time for personnel to be vaccinated.

In addition to the vaccination and weekly testing requirements, employees must follow COVID-19 preventive measures, which includes wearing face masks, practicing social distancing of no less than six feet, and washing their hands.

Prevention measures, especially the vaccine mandate, are in line with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation: "COVID-19 vaccines currently approved or authorized in the United States have been shown to provide considerable protection against severe disease and death caused by COVID-19. These findings, along with the early evidence for reduced levels of viral mRNA and culturable virus in vaccinated people who acquire SARS-CoV-2 infection, suggest that any associated transmission risk is substantially reduced in vaccinated people: even for delta, evidence suggests fully vaccinated people who become infected are infectious for shorter periods of time than unvaccinated people infected with delta."[1]

The Supreme Court's order follows suit as that of other courts, including Guam, Hawaii, New Jersey, and Maryland and is in line with Equal Employment Opportunity Commission position that "federal EEO laws do not prevent an employer from requiring all employees physically entering the workplace to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, subject to the reasonable accommodation provisions of Title VII and the ADA and other EEO considerations . . . ."

To access the Supreme Court's administrative order, visit www.cnmilaw.org. ***(PR)***

CUC online payment, pay-by-phone still out

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s online payment and pay-by-phone system remains offline until its Customer Information & Billing System is fully restored. At this time, the online payment and pay-by-phone system is estimated to go back up by the middle of next week, on or before No. 10, 2021.

As reported earlier, in late October, CUC's CIS system experienced issues that has since been recovered. However, due to the system being down for several days, CUC must update and reconcile its customer data, including inputting of all manual transactions before it restores the online payment system to avoid causing unnecessary confusion with our customers.

CUC's system is back online at the Customer Service Center on Saipan but the system is still unavailable on CUC Rota and CUC Tinian, but we are working on a long-term solution to get CUC Rota and CUC Tinian back online as soon as possible. …Know that staff at the Customer Service Center on Saipan has been designated to assist CUC Tinian and CUC Rota better service its customers.

CUC would like to assure all its customers that all data will be restored on the system and will reflect an accurate account of each customer's balance upon full restoration. … Continue to bring in your latest utility billing when visiting the CUC Customer Center for better assistance.

Customers are also advised that utility bills scheduled to be mailed during this recovery period are delayed. CUC will not penalize customers for late payments or disconnect any delinquent customer as a result of our system being down. CUC assures all its customers that any personal data on CUC's systems are secured and inaccessible to unauthorized users.

As for CUC's Financial System (GP), restoration is still ongoing and is expected to be restored soon as well.

Visit CUC's website at www.cucgov.org or its Facebook page for updates on this matter. For emergencies or customer service assistance over the phone, call (670) 664-4282 to speak with a Customer Service Representative.

CUC encourages its customers to make payments at Bank of Guam, Bank of Saipan, or at any of the CUC Customer Centers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. ***(PR)***

'Don't panic'

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Despite the increasing number of positive COVID-19 cases in the CNMI in the past few days, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said the best thing to do at this time is to not panic and to know that there are "good people, hardworking folks" in the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. who are doing all they can to contain COVID-19 in the CNMI.

"My message to the community is please don't panic. I know that there's so many questions, concerns, uncertainties, but one thing that is important to know [is] that the contact tracing [team is] doing their best. ...I know that we all want to get tested, but more important, at this point, is [to] continue the effort of getting vaccinated," he said during a virtual news briefing Monday.

When asked what his immediate plans are as a result of these community cases, Torres said he had recently met with CNMI Public School System leaders to discuss protocols and additional safety measures to safely reopen schools once the 10-day closure period ends. Torres earlier directed all schools and colleges in the CNMI to close down for the next 10 days, or until Nov. 7, 2021.

As for closures of government offices and other related actions, Torres said he is waiting on a finalized report from the task force and CHCC's contact tracing team.

"I don't plan on shutting down any of the government. I am relying [on] the COVID-19 Task Force as well as the contact tracing [team] to finalize their report, and then we'll make the proper decision after that. It's important that our community understands not to panic. We have good people, hardworking folks [that] are doing what they are supposed to do," said Torres.

In more words of assurance to the community, Torres urged everyone to follow the three W's: wash your hands, watch your distance, and wear a face covering, and encouraged those who have not gotten vaccinated yet to get their shots.

"To all our government employees, our private citizens, our business partners, until you get a call from the contact tracing [team], you need to continue to come to work... and continue with the three W's. That is the critical part. For those that have not been vaccinated…we encourage you, your family, [and] your loved ones to go get vaccinated, because that will help the community," he said.

Another CCC manager quits

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Another staff holding a critical position at the Commonwealth Casino Commission has resigned, leaving the CCC with only 11 personnel, including its executive director, Andrew Yeom.

At the CCC board's monthly meeting last, Yeom disclosed that Division of Audit and Compliance manager Leonard Leon is resigning effective this Friday.

Yeom told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that they will remain at 12 personnel because they will soon hire someone to replace Leon.

At last week's meeting, Yeom said he and the remaining staff will have to pick up the slack as much as they can in the meantime.

"However, I hope to quickly hire at least one person with casino audit and compliance experience to fill the crucial role," he said.

Yeom used to hold the position.

CCC's Enforcement and Investigations manager Vicente B. Babauta also resigned last September.

From 39 employees last May, CCC's number of personnel has dwindled due to the termination of several employees as a result of budget constraint and resignation of others.

Commonwealth Casino Commission Division of Audit and Compliance manager Leonard Leon, seated right, attends the CCC board's monthly meeting Thursday. FERDIE DE LA TORRE

5.0-magnitude earthquake in the CNMI

A 5.0-magnitude earthquake was felt in the southwestern part of the CNMI, specifically Tinian, yesterday evening but no injuries were reported.

According to a report from the CNMI Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency, the 5.0-magnitude earthquake occurred at 6:34pm yesterday some 32 kilometers south-southwest of San Jose Village on Tinian.

No tsunami warnings or advisories were issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center.

The last earthquake recorded for the CNMI was on Oct. 29, at around 10:11pm. A 4.6-magnitude earthquake occurred at 21.078°N 145.323°E in the Mariana Islands region. ***(Kimberly B. Esmores)***

CAMACHO

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Camacho was reportedly brought to Kanoa Resort as part of protocol to have any new arrestee tested for COVID-19 first before being brought to the Department of Corrections for processing.

An earlier report states that Steve Koch, who has accused Camacho of conspiring with two others to assault him over the weekend, had applied for a temporary restraining against the lawmaker and others.

Koch, through attorney Charity Hodson, applied yesterday for a temporary restraining order against Camacho, two unnamed individuals, and Ignacio Concepcion in Superior Court.

Hodson said that Koch wants a restraining to prevent Camacho and the others from engaging in further physical harm, threats, disturbance, harassment, blocking, and verbal abuse against him and his family.

"Petitioners seek an emergency order for protection because [they] are victims of domestic violence by Camacho and Concepcion. They are terrified and fear for their personal safety and desire to prevent any further violence and harassment upon them," Hodson said.

Hodson has requested the court to order the respondents, including Camacho, to stay at least 200 yards away from Koch and his family, and to order the respondents not to interfere with their access to Freedom Drive, China Town, the road they share with Concepcion within the Concepcion family compound.

In addition, Hodson is asking the court to order the respondent to stay at least 200 yards away from Koch and his wife in their place of work, specifically the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport and the DCCA Childcare Development Fund.

As of yesterday evening, there was no hearing date yet for the request for a restraining order. In addition, the Department of Public Safety said that no arrest warrant had been issued for the arrest of Camacho or the men allegedly involved in the assault.

According to court documents, prior to the Oct. 29 alleged assault, there had been animosity between Concepcion and his siblings, including Koch's wife, Magdalena Concepcion-Koch. Camacho, who is also related to Concepcion, allegedly aligned himself with Concepcion, inserting himself in the family's feud.

"Camacho, for his part, has [been] injecting himself into the Concepcion family matters as he has aligned himself with Concepcion. Prior to the Oct. 29 incident, Koch had not had any problems with Camacho nor did Magdalena," the document stated.

Rep. Vicente Camacho (D-Saipan) is arrested in connection with an allegation that he and others assaulted a man over the weekend. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

On Oct. 29, Koch alleges that two altercations happened; one between him and Concepcion, and the other was the alleged beating led by Camacho.

At around 4am that day, as Koch was driving home through Freedom Drive and he passed the home Concepcion was living in. Concepcion allegedly approached Koch's company-issued vehicle with a machete, yelling "stop disturbing my property. I'm going to call the police," before striking the left rear of the vehicle.

Camacho, for his part, allegedly called CPA again that day to complain that Koch was abusing the company vehicle and was speeding up and down Freedom Drive.

Later that evening, at around 11pm, Koch and his daughter went for their evening walk along Freedom Drive and passed Concepcion's home.

Koch stated that joining Concepcion at the house that evening was Camacho, and his two nephews. As they were walking through the Concepcion compound, they passed right in front of Concepcion's home where Camacho allegedly came out with his other nephew.

When Koch told Camacho to stop calling him at work, that's when the men allegedly began to attack him.

Court documents state that the men continued to beat Koch even when he was already on the ground and only pulled back when his daughter begged them not to.

Camacho allegedly knelt on Koch's neck while he was on the ground while the other two men hit him on the head.

CASES

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cases of COVID-19 in the CNMI, with 34 of the 39, or 87%, reported experiencing symptoms, said CHCC.

The one other active case is an incoming traveler who tested positive on Oct. 23 and is still deemed an active case and will be for 10 days.

CHCC further reported that 518 COVID-19 tests were conducted on Oct. 31, and 639 on Nov. 1, comprising travel and surveillance testing.

CHCC assured that its Communicable Disease Investigation/ Inspection team has already begun contacting those who were in closest contact to the new cases, and added that "this effort will continue until all probable cases are identified and tested."

In related news, during a virtual news briefing Monday, community disease investigation inspector III Dwayne Davis said the contact tracing team has been working tirelessly, and asks those with concerns to contact the contact tracing tip lines at 670-286-1722; 670-285-1857; 670-286-1729; or 670-287-7572.

"[We] have been working 24/7 around the clock to ensure that we continue to identify any additional [persons of interest] and close contracts of active confirmed cases. We do want to share that there is concern out there in the community with regards to exposure. ...If a contact tracing investigator and inspector does not reach out to you, you're more than welcome to contact our tip line... and get additional information from there," said Davis.

"Overall if you did not receive a call, or you are not contacted by an investigator, that could mean that you [are deemed as] not having any level of concern at the moment. Should there be a level of concern, an inspector will contact you and conduct interviews to make sure that [investigation is] properly done and your level of risk is identified," he added.

For individuals experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing, fatigue, and new loss of taste and smell, CHCC advises seeing your healthcare providers or calling the CHCC Tele-Triage hotline at 670-233-2067.

COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots are available at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, Monday to Saturday, from 8am to 4pm. Those interested in receiving their shots can register at https://www.vaccinatecnmi.com/.

STIMULUS

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Norita last Friday.

Speaking at the governor's radio press briefing, Norita said a lot of people are still waiting to receive their stimulus cards and that the Governor's Office is preparing a news release to announce the arrival of that big batch of cards.

In response to *Saipan Tribune*'s request for additional information, Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig said yesterday the 3,221 stimulus cards that arrived are worth $1,886,500 in all.

Norita said Friday that most of those cards are for the zero income filers that they had required to file a 2020 tax return.

"[After some] shipping delays and processing issues, the cards have finally arrived, and so we have those cards going out in the mail," she said. "We thank people for their patience."

Norita said that people should check their mail in the next few days but also allow their Treasury staff to get the cards out and for the normal processing of the post office. "So that's some good news," she said.

Eligible individuals are receiving $500 in stimulus card and $500 for each dependent.

Last August, Atalig disclosed that they have already distributed over 20,000 stimulus cards, but they are aware that there are still some who have not gotten their cards yet.

Finance earlier stated that they expect to release $25 million in all for 28,000 local stimulus cards using American Rescue Plan Act money.

Norita also disclosed Friday that they have additional payments for the Economic Impact Payments 3, also known as stimulus checks, and the local stimulus cards based on a 2020 tax return.

She said they are expecting to issue those additional payments in the next two to three weeks as they are working on system development to allow them to issue those.

"At the time of processing of either the EIP 3 or the stimulus card, that may have been based on a 2019 return. Subsequently, that taxpayer came in and file the 2020 return, or the 2020 return was still in process," Norita said.

For people who fell into that bucket, Norita said they are anticipating to issue out those additional payments in the next two to three weeks.

Last April, Finance started releasing the EIP 3 checks after the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under the U.S. Treasury approved $85 million for the CNMI.

Officials: Damaged US Navy sub struck an underwater mountain

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Navy has determined that a submarine damaged in a collision in the South China Sea in early October struck a seamount, or underwater mountain, two defense officials said Monday.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity ahead of a public announcement. The Navy has yet to fully explain how or why the USS *Connecticut* struck the seamount or to reveal the extent of damage to the Seawolf-class submarine.

The Navy has said the submarine's nuclear reactor and propulsion system were not damaged. The collision caused a small number of moderate and minor injuries to the crew. USNI *News*, which was first to report that the sub had struck a seamount, said damage to the forward section of the submarine damaged its ballast tanks.

The incident happened on Oct. 2 but was not reported by the Navy until five days later. The vessel made its way to Guam for a damage assessment, where it remains.

China's Foreign Ministry had expressed "serious concern" about what happened. China claims total sovereignty over the South China Sea, a stance that is not accepted by the United States and its allies. China protests the presence of the U.S. Navy in the area. The South China Sea is among many points of growing contention between Washington and Beijing, including the status of Taiwan.

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UNDER DRAFT BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

Marianas will be eligible for dozens of federal programs—Kilili

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After weeks of negotiation among Democrats, the draft of President Joe Biden's Build Back Better Act was released last Thursday with legislative language that will make the CNMI eligible for dozens of federal programs, including $70 million for Medicaid with 17% local match, to help continue to build back better, according to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) over the weekend.

Sablan said in his e-kilili newsletter that H.R. 5376 is rich in help for the people of the CNMI and that includes more funding and a permanently lower local match for Medicaid, extension of the Child Tax Credit, and pre-kindergarten education and child care for working parents.

Sablan said his College Access Act, which provides in-state tuition nationwide for CNMI students, and his Employment Services and Job Parity Act and Job Corps Nationwide Act are all part of the draft bill.

"Although the politics of enactment remain tricky, agreement seems in reach," he said.

On Medicaid, Sablan said they raised Marianas funding to $60 million in U.S. Public Law 116-94 two years ago and, with the inflation adjustment, funding for fiscal year 2022 is set at $64 million. Section 30731 of the Build Better Act raises that even more, to $70 million, he said.

» One of the highlights is $70M for Medicaid with 17% local match

Medicaid provides health insurance for 38,000 individuals in the CNMI.

Sablan said the draft Build Back Better Act also makes permanent the current ratio of 83% federal:17% local share for Medicaid—a ratio that he described as better than for any state in the nation.

Sablan said the other highlight in the draft bill is the $1 billion per Covenant Capital Improvement Projects agreement. He said Section 70901 of the Build Back Better Act appropriates $1 billion for critical infrastructure in insular areas (the CNMI, Guam, American Samoa, and U.S. Virgin Islands).

At Sablan's suggestion, the money will be distributed in the same manner as Covenant CIP funds.

For the current fiscal year, the Office of Insular Affairs has projected the CNMI will receive 33% of Covenant funding, Sablan said.

He said Section 110004 also adds another $6.4 million per year for Marianas highways.

The other highlight is the in-state tuition for Marianas college students. Bachelor's degree students from the Marianas would be eligible for up to $15,000 per year to make up the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition in public colleges nationwide.

Sablan introduced his College Access Act in 2011 and he said it is now included in Section 20027 of the draft Build Back Better Act, expanded to include Guam, American Samoa, and U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Freely Associated States.

In addition, Section 20021 increased the annual Pell grant for low-income students by $550 per year, he said.

The other highlight is that child tax credit is extended. He said families in the CNMI and nationwide will continue to receive the enhanced Child Tax Credit that they included in the American Rescue Plan Act through 2022.

CTC is $3,000 per child for children from age 6 through 17, and $3,600 for children under age 6. The credit is fully refundable, so even if the credit exceeds a family's tax liability, they receive the full amount.

Sablan said Section 137102 of the Build Back Better Act also includes the cover-over provision and administrative expenses for advance payment that he was able to include in ARPA, so the program costs the CNMI government nothing.

The other highlight is child care and universal preschool. Sablan said the Marianas will share $1 billion with Guam, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to provide a high-quality, free, pre-kindergarten program for young learners.

He said licensed child care providers, Head Start, or the Marianas Public School System could all participate in the mixed delivery model that Section 23002 of the Build Back Better Act proposes.

As chairman of the House Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, Sablan said that establishing this national pre-K program has been a long-held goal, in keeping with his belief that education is a key to success in life.

He said Section 23001 also provides $500 million for the Marianas and the three smaller territories to implement a new child care program for children from birth to age 5. Eligible families earning under 75% of the median income would pay nothing for child care.

Sablan's last highlight is protecting the Marianas from climate change. Although the islands are responsible for little of the greenhouse gases that are causing this problem, the Build Back Better Act gives the CNMI a way to be part of the solution, Sablan said. He said Section 71002 requires the Department of the Interior to hold offshore wind lease sales in federal waters around the islands, which could reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

He said Section 136302 provides a 30% tax credit for installation of residential solar and wind systems.

He said the Build Back Better Act makes up to $7,500 in tax credits available for purchase of a new electric vehicle, up to $4,000 for a used EV, and a 30% credit for electric bikes.

Sablan said the federal government covers all the costs for technical assistance to help the insular areas continue planning for climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience in the years ahead.

Congress will continue work on the Build Back Better Act this week to ensure that priorities are met and that the bill pays for itself, he said.

"Solidifying agreement among Democrats is essential for passage," Sablan said, expressing belief that all Republicans will vote against this bill.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday greetings go out to Joan Oliverio, who is celebrating her special day today! Wishing you all the best in life and more birthdays to come! May you stay gorgeous as always! Greetings come from your friends and loved ones.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOSEPH ULLOA ROSARIO, aka: "Poping" or "Big Joe" Decedent.	Civil Action No. 20-0171 (R) **ORDER SETTING MATTER FOR HEARING ON PETITIONER'S AMENDED PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO NMI R. CIV. P. 6(b)(1)(A)** Next Court Date: December 2, 2021 Tim: 10 am Judge: Camacho

This matter for hearing on September 30, 2021 at 10 am. Robert T. Torres appeared for petitioner. Counsel informed that the Bank has been trying to locate Decedent's heirs without much success. The Bank requested additional time to make contact with Decedent's heirs who may be a son living on Rota or other family members.

Upon consideration of Petitioner Merced M. Tomokane's ("Petitioner") request to Continue Hearing Date the mater is hereby continued to December 2, 2021 at 10 am. Petitioner shall republish an Amended Notice of Hearing on the new hearing date. On the next hearing the date the Court will consider proceeding forward on review of the Bank's efforts to give notice and publish notice.

Further, in order to make reasonable efforts to locate and inform any of Decedent's heirs, the Bank shall cause the following notice in addition to the publication in the newspapers:

A. Posting of the Notice of Hearing at the Rota Courthouse as well as the Rota Post Office (if permitted) and the Rota Mayor's Office.

B. Announcement on Rota "Channel 5" Television Station.

SO ORDERED this ____ day of September, 2021

JOSEPH N. CAMACHO
Associate Judge

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: GUADALUPE AYUYU ATALIG, Decedent.	**Civil Action No. 20-0176 (R)** **ORDER CONTINUING HEARING ON APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX AND ADMITTING ESTATE TO PROBATE.** Next Court Date: December 2, 2021 Tim: 10 am Judge: Camacho

This matter came on for hearing on September 30, 2021 at 10 am. Robert T. Torres appeared on behalf of Petitioner and Claimant Bank of Guam. Decedent's heir and son Kent Atalig appeared by video conference from the Rota Superior Court. On request by the Bank of Guam the matter is continued to confer with Mr. Kent Atalig regarding the matter; locate and contact the other heirs and siblings Carl A. Atalig and Joyce A. Atalig. A continuance will allow Mr. Kent Atalig time to discuss the matter with the Bank of Guam.

Upon consideration of Petitioner Merced M. Tomokane's ("Petitioner") request to Continue Hearing Date on the Amended Petition for Letters of Administration pursuant to NMI R. CIV. P. 6(b)(1)(A), and for good cause shown, the hearing on Petitioner's Amended Petition for Letters of Administration is hereby continued to December 2, 2021, at 10 am at the Superior Court, Saipan. Any heirs may appear telephonically from Rota and/or any other location on request to the Court. Petitioner shall republish an Amended Notice of Hearing on the new hearing date.

SO ORDERED.

JOSEPH N. CAMACHO
Associate Judge

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MVA-RFP-22-2046

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/s/ Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors

/s/ Priscilla M. Iakopo
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EDITORIAL

Biden's big breakthrough: The president strikes a deal on his domestic policy agenda, and it's a very good one

Divide $3.5 trillion in half and you get $1.75 trillion—which makes the domestic policy framework President Joe Biden touted Thursday a pretty perfect encapsulation that half a loaf is better than none. Yes, Biden and fellow Democrats had to throw overboard prized priorities, including 12 weeks of paid family leave. That painful concession means America will remain the world's outlier, failing to provide a fundamentally humane benefit to the parents of newborns.

Still, what survived is expansive indeed—nearly twice the 10-year cost of the Affordable Care Act, which Biden rightly coined a "big f---ing deal," including: a half-trillion dollars in clean energy and climate investments; universal, free-pre-K for 3- and 4-year-olds; subsidies guaranteeing that no family earning less than $300,000 will pay more than 7% of their income on child-care; more federal rental assistance, which is desperately needed to make the nation's largest city more livable; the addition of hearing benefits to Medicare; and billions to help families care for their elderly loved ones in their own homes. The bill also rightly provides all $2.86 billion needed to fund health care for those sickened by the toxic air around the World Trade Center after 9/11.

Unlike the Bush and Trump tax cuts, sold on the false promise that they'd pay for themselves, Democrats propose footing the bill by, among other things, collecting a 15% minimum tax from larg e corporations and imposing a surcharge on the wealthiest Americans (5% extra those with incomes over $10 million, and another 3% on those with incomes above $25 million). The world's smallest Stradivarius plays for them.

It is yet to be determined whether the egregious limit on the ability of Americans to deduct their state and local taxes against their federal liability—the SALT cap, which targets high-tax states like ours—will remain. For fairness, it should be removed.

In the end, however, the perfect can't be the enemy of the good, either for moderates or progressives. What Biden has cobbled together here is surely good.

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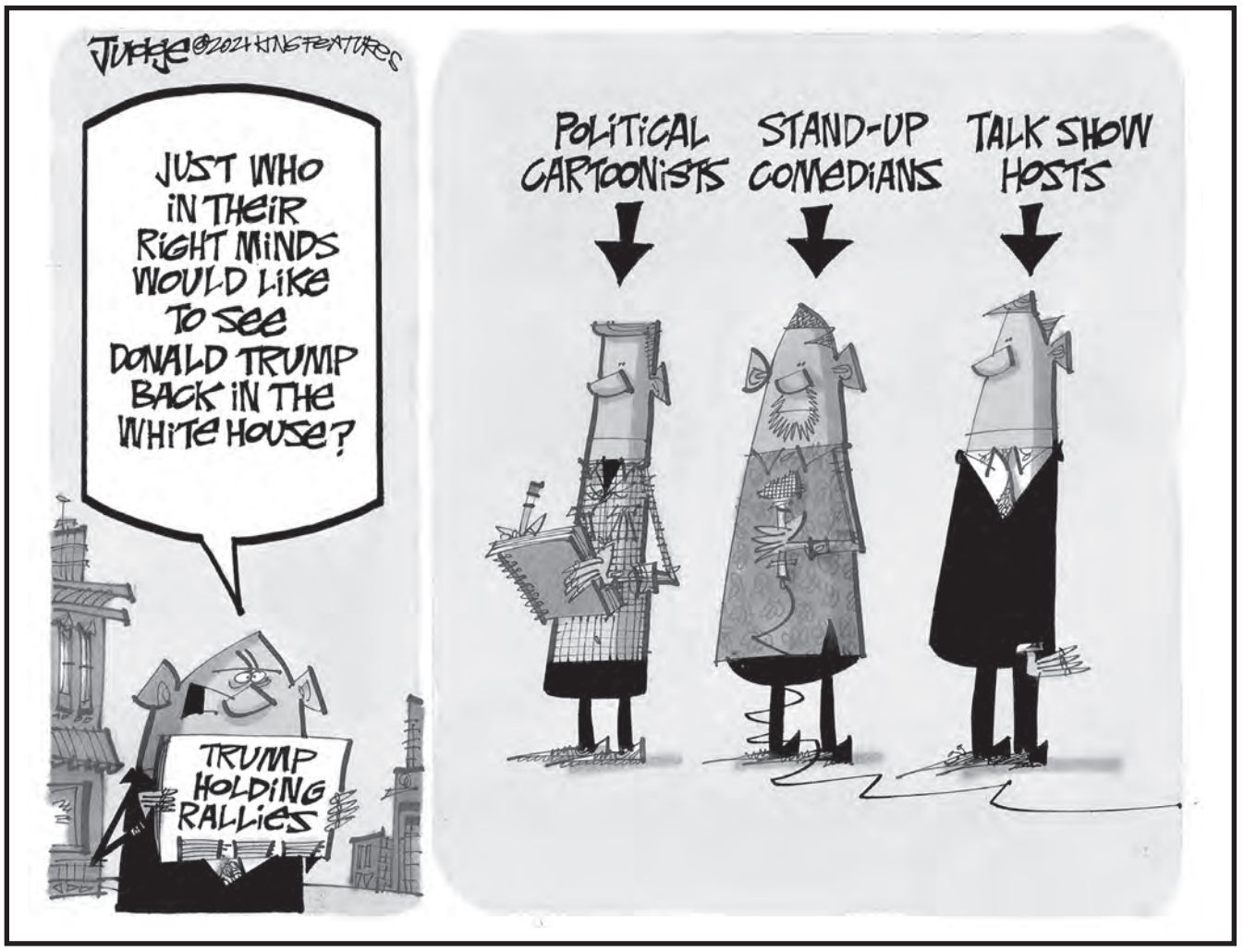
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Is the 'Great Resignation' a golden opportunity or a siren song?

By MISHAL KHAN
Chicago Tribune

Mishal Khan, Ph.D., is a social scientist with a focus on the regulation of labor after slavery across the globe and how these shifts affect the future of work.

Everyone has been talking about the "Big Quit" movement sweeping across the U.S. and beyond. Experts are grappling with statistics showing record-breaking labor shortages—from Amazon warehouse floors to centers of the care and knowledge economy.

For centuries, work has been at the heart of how the vast majority of us measure our worth—as citizens and as human beings. Today, it is the ticket to survival in 21st-century America.

For the first time in recent memory, workers are wresting back some of their power as employers struggle to fill vacancies and devise new methods to entice people back to work. Could this be the end of corporate exploitation, bad bosses, long and thankless hours and the beginning of something new? A new form of "freedom"?

As a historical sociologist of labor, I believe this is a crucial moment for reflection. What exactly are we running toward? Is the solution to the ills of modern work to go out on our own? What lessons can history teach us?

After slavery was abolished in the 19th century, ex-slaves, migrants and the working classes were all told to cherish their "freedom"—but they quickly learned that freedom meant work. Productivity became central to the human endeavor, the gold standard for personal flourishing and social progress.

The free labor contract too became the law of civilized nations. No longer could individuals be coerced, bound or whipped into work. The age of consent had arrived. Yet, what did this mean when to survive was to—voluntarily—sign away all waking hours to the factory, mine or plantation owner?

Some relief was found in the 20th-century social contract with the welfare state—due in large part to the victories of organized labor. But since the 1980s, the state has rolled back many of these protections, leaving it to the private sector to provide—in the name of the "free" market.

Benefits and social protections needed to survive in modern America are now more than ever tied to the traditional work relationship. Quietly, corporations have increasingly opted for leaner subcontracting and temporary work arrangements—in the name of flexibility.

The "Great Resignation" signals a collective realization that there is a serious problem with work. Many are simply not returning to traditional jobs at all. A record number of women have been forced out of the job market—exposing a glaring rift between the social versus the economic "value" of care work.

For others, mental health now trumps the relentless pursuit of a career. Still, others have simply reached their limit with employers that prioritize profit and gain over their people. Everyone—from Trevor Noah to Robert Reich—has been offering up explanations as to why people are quitting.

But beyond working from home, what does this demand for "flexible" work really look like?

Trends indicate that many are opting for the autonomy of entrepreneurism, freelance, contract or gig work. This move is being celebrated as the "Great Contingency"—a new era of freedom and flexibility. After a grueling 18 months, these flexible work arrangements seem more alluring than ever. In response, companies are already contemplating part-time contracts and freelancers as a permanent hiring model.

We must be cautious about jumping too quickly into this new era of autonomy and self-dependence. Who will be there to catch us when we fall?

The economically secure can pump social and financial capital into new startups, fall back on savings and flit between opportunities—but do we all have this luxury? History shows us that "freedom" comes with new risks. Study after study has warned us of the decreased earnings and growing insecurity of gig work, as the most economically marginalized are barely earning a minimum wage.

The "Great Resignation" could be a golden opportunity—a chance to radically transform the central place of work in our lives. But are we marching headlong off a cliff—voluntarily opting out of the lifelines provided by the employment relationship, no matter how problematic?

If this trend continues, this could be a mass flight into precarity. Many are caught between a rock and a hard place. We must tread carefully, demanding new ways to live economically secure lives—while resisting the urge to blindly follow the siren song of freedom.

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What's really behind all the empty shelves?

By TORI K. SMITH
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Pictures of container ships anchored near the government-owned ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are all over the news and social media. Together, these ports process about 40% of all containers of goods entering the U.S. More than 70 ships are waiting at anchor off the coast of L.A.

Thousands of containers are onboard, full of everything from car parts to baby diapers. New ships arriving at the ports are facing up to three-week delays in unloading and processing. To say the system is in crisis mode would be an understatement.

Meanwhile, Americans nationwide are facing shortages. In Iowa, schools are having a hard time sourcing the quantity of food needed for their breakfast and lunch programs. Food producers are missing inputs like resin for packaging, while small businesses across the country are facing shortages of bulk items like utensils, cups and to-go boxes.

A food truck owner in Maryland told ABC News, "It would be one thing if I couldn't find french fries. We can change that, but when we got nothing to put it in, it's heartbreaking and stressful."

The Biden administration attributes these delays and shortages to worldwide factory disruptions during the pandemic and increased consumer demand. While these certainly play a role, the administration is not telling the whole story.

What led to this crisis is a system of government-imposed regulations that seemed innocuous when the economy was healthy. However, the pandemic drew the immense burden of this red tape out of the shadows. A series of barriers in California, and at the federal level, prevented the market from responding efficiently to the demand for processing at the L.A. ports.

First and foremost, union hour rules for longshoremen and truckers have resulted in port operations not matching the influx of ships. The Port of L.A. has been operating at only 60% to 70% of capacity, closed evenings and Sundays.

President Joe Biden announced on Oct. 13 that the port would switch to 24/7 operations. But the neighboring Port of Long Beach promised this months ago, yet it's still only running four days per week.

At the same time, California's AB 5 law is restricting independent contractors, which includes many truckers, from stepping in. And the state's new emissions mandates limit the number of trucks able to even operate there. Amid such rules, California now has half the trucker density as states such as Texas, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Finally, a century-old trade law called the Jones Act makes it cheaper for companies to ship goods from Asia than between U.S. states. This increases rail and truck traffic between states when transporting goods by ship (for example, between Washington State and California) could be cheaper and more efficient.

To add insult to injury, the L.A. ports just announced a new fine system for containers that remain at the ports too long, even though there aren't enough trucks on the road to transport the containers. Additionally, Biden's impending vaccine mandate would worsen the nation's labor shortage.

So how do we fix this crisis?

The first step is to recognize that the government is causing much of the problem—and new government restrictions won't fix it. Without those regulations, the market would have been able to respond more quickly to the rising number of ships, additional workers and shifts could have been implemented, and 24/7 would mean what it says. With fewer restrictions, available trucks would be able to come from neighboring states to get containers and goods out of the overloaded ports—and into the hands of frustrated Americans.

The California ports should start running 24/7 today. The federal government and California should remove labor and environmental regulations that disincentivize work and make it more difficult for goods to get from the ships to our shelves. And they certainly should refrain from imposing new ones that make it worse.

This crisis is proof that government bureaucrats and government-controlled unions cannot, and often will not, change course when the market demands it. It is time to remove the red tape for the long term to both solve the current crisis and prevent future ones.

The US economy is better than it looks

By KARL W. SMITH
Bloomberg Opinion

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The U.S. economy was weaker than expected in the third quarter, which is bad news for any American whose livelihood depends on strong economic growth and especially disappointing for the White House, which is struggling to reassure voters about the state of the economy amid rising prices and a historic supply crunch. Overall growth in the third quarter was 2%, a fair step down from rates of 4.5% and 6.7% the U.S. economy logged in the first and second quarters.

On closer inspection, however, the report looks a lot better.

For starters, the federal government's most comprehensive measure of economywide demand, something called final sales to domestic purchasers, rose roughly 6.6%. Notably, it's almost perfectly on track with the pre-pandemic trend. This measure, unlike the headline GDP number, isn't adjusted for inflation. So it's indicating that businesses, consumers and the government spent more, but they took home fewer goods and services because of higher prices.

Moreover, the lion's share of the decline in real purchases is exactly where it would be expected: the automobile sector. The decline in sales of motor vehicles and parts alone chopped 2.7 points off gross domestic product. This suggests that, absent the chip shortage that continues to plague the auto industry, the economy would have registered annual growth of 4.7% in the third quarter —roughly in line with its pace earlier this year.

Meanwhile, household consumption of services continued to rebound, adding 3.6 points to real GDP, compared with 2.1 and 5.4 in the first two quarters of the year. That suggests the economy is continuing to rebalance from the lockdowns of last winter and spring, which caused a collapse in the service sector and a corresponding explosion in the consumption of goods.

Perhaps most important, compensation of employees at private businesses grew at a robust 9.2%, easily outpacing the rise in inflation. Remarkably, compensation is slightly above its pre-pandemic trend. As long as that's the case, the outlook for growth will continue to be positive.

Finally, producer inventories continued to fall, as they have all year, indicating that pent-up demand is accumulating among businesses as well as consumers. This factor will help propel economic growth into next year and beyond.

Taken as a whole, then, the report is a sign that stagflation—negative real growth combined with high inflation—is not in the cards. For that to happen, there would have to be rising prices alongside static or declining spending power. That's the opposite of what this report shows.

Yes, real GDP growth slowed dramatically in the third quarter. But the gap is more than accounted for by the supply crunch in automobiles. At the same time, consumers and businesses are in the process of rebalancing from goods to services, causing some supply-chain bottlenecks. As soon as those are cleared, the U.S. economy will be poised to return to higher growth.

Our health care infrastructure is at stake. Here's what you can do about it

By LAYLA ZAIDANE
The Fulcrum

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In honor of National Depression and Mental Health Screening Month, let's support our health care workers.

Over the past year and a half, health care workers across the United States have tackled the COVID-19 pandemic on the frontlines day after day. They have cared for those we love with empathy, compassion and lifesaving critical skills. They are taking care of us—but who is taking care of them?

Our health care professionals have been tirelessly working under nearly impossible and unsustainable levels of stress to keep their communities safe, and it's taking a toll. In a recent study of frontline health care workers, 55 percent have self-reported burnout, and 62 percent say the pandemic has had a negative impact on their mental health. Alarmingly, three in 10 health care workers have considered leaving their chosen profession altogether during this pandemic.

What's more, 41 percent of our health care workers are millennials, and they will continue to comprise the health care workforce for decades to come. And yet, national labor shortages are forcing fewer employees to shoulder more of the work: The American Nursing Association estimates a need for 1.1 million registered nurses in the U.S. by 2022. It is of paramount importance that we work to create a sustainable health care system that takes care of its workers—not just to ensure great outcomes for patients, but also to retain and attract the hardworking health care staff we depend on.

Amidst staggering numbers of hospital admissions and new COVID-19 cases, our health care infrastructure is at a critical point: Our health care workers are in desperate need of support. The good news is that each of us can make a difference, today. Here's how you can help:.

Recognize their efforts and sacrifice. First and foremost, thank them for their service. Whether this is on a personal level by checking in with friends and family who work in health care, or on a macro level by organizing community events to share their critical needs and perspectives from the frontlines, providing space to let them share what they have seen and are experiencing can be critical.

Build trust with one another by listening to the advice of our trusted medical professionals. They've devoted years of training, studying and practice to fulfill the call for a cause bigger than themselves.

Find the resources those working in health care ask for. Does your friend need help finding a therapist? Does your local hospital need more volunteers? Does your city need more contact tracers? There are lots of ways to help those on the frontlines without having formal medical training.

The effects of doing this work now will be long lasting. Young people are at the beginning of their careers, with so much possibility and talent. It is in our best interest to create a culture of support—especially as it relates to mental health—in the workplace for these early professionals so they can continue to grow into the leaders and pioneers that make America, well, America. If we act now, we can do more than just guard against future workforce shortages. We can instill a culture of support, empathy, and care—for everyone in the health care system.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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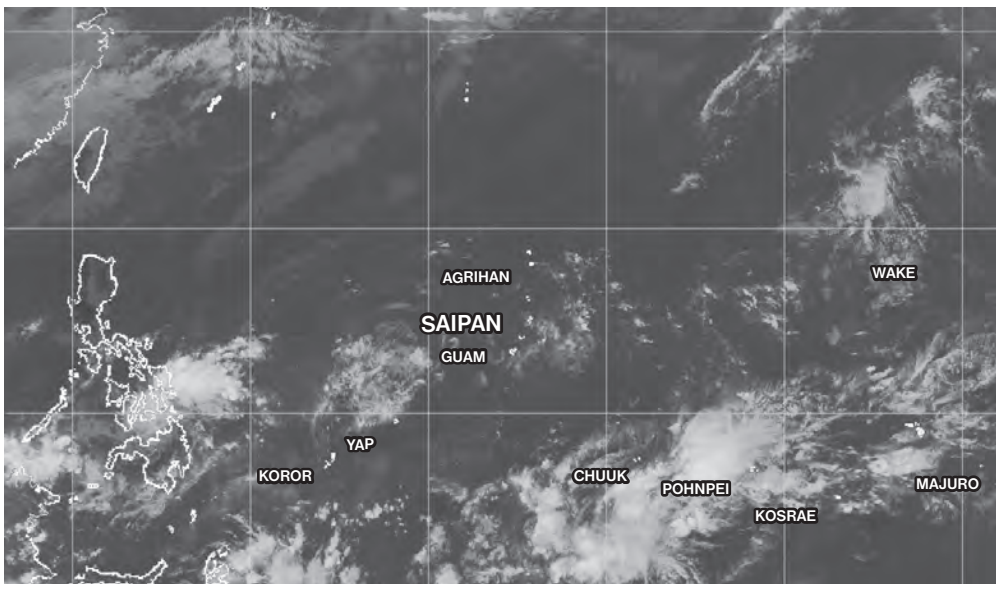

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas Waters. The Ipan buoy reveals combined seas of 3 to 5 feet composed of east swell. The north swell from former Typhoon Malou is dissipating now, so the Ipan buoy is better representing the actual ocean conditions.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Palau	Partly Cloudy	85° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 81°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	86° / 81°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Thursday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM
Friday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM
Saturday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM
Sunday	6:15 AM	5:45 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	4:17 AM	4:35 PM	-
Thursday	5:15 AM	5:20 PM	-
Friday	6:16 AM	6:08 PM	-
Saturday	7:20 AM	7:00 PM	-
Sunday	8:27 AM	7:58 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	64° / 63°
Beijing	Sunny	55° / 32°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	82° / 72°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	86° / 74°
London	Partly Cloudy	54° / 45°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	68° / 57°
Manila	Thunderstorms	90° / 77°
Melbourne	Showers	59° / 45°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	81° / 72°
New York	Partly Cloudy	69° / 61°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	68° / 55°
Paris	Cloudy	61° / 46°
Busan	Mostly Sunny	70° / 45°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	68° / 52°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	77° / 55°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	61° / 52°
Seoul	Showers	64° / 48°
Tokyo	Showers	64° / 55°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	74° / 57°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
12:16 AM	Low Tide	0.33
6:10 AM	High Tide	1.70
12:11 PM	Low Tide	0.39
6:17 PM	High Tide	1.95

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 28, 2021

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	7:20am	8:05am	2, 4, 6
UA117	9:50am	10:35am	1, 3, 5, 7

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

UA183	8:00pm	9:50pm	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	7:20am	9:50pm	2, 4, 6 via Guam
UA117/183	9:50am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via Guam

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

7C3406	3:10PM	6:55PM	6
TW9308	3:20PM	8:00PM	4
OZ6243	4:00PM	7:40PM	6

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA116	5:30am	6:16am	2, 4, 6
UA174	8:00am	8:46am	1, 3, 5, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

UA184	10:40pm	4:30am+1	2, 5
UA184	10:55pm	4:45am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174	10:40pm	6:16am+1	5 via Guam
UA184/174	10:40pm	8:46am+1	2 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55pm	6:16am+1	1, 3 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55pm	8:46am+1	4, 6, 7 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3405	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
OZ6233	9:00AM	2:30PM	6
TW9307	10:00AM	2:20PM	4

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1205	11:00	11:15	Daily
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily
1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

Business

'We need to start planning for the opening of our borders'

By KIMBERLY B. ESMORES
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REPORTER

Since the rampant spread of the COVID-19 pandemic back in 2020, the CNMI has taken the lead in terms of safeguarding its borders. However, although it has ensured a low community transmission count compared to the rest of the world, keeping the borders closed is not sustainable and, according to the Commonwealth Ports Authority, the community needs to start planning on re-opening the CNMI's borders.

With the CNMI slowly but surely welcoming back airlines, and with new airlines interested in establishing a Saipan route, CPA board chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds says the CNMI has to prepare for the inevitable, which is re-opening its borders to the world.

"The CNMI has been leading the nation in terms of response and containing this pandemic. However, we need to start planning for opening up our borders and resuming a new normal in the way we live our lives. This virus is not going away. Our current protocols are unsustainable. The science is telling us that the vaccines are working. It is not a cure but it does significantly lessen the likelihood of hospitalization and acute sickness. The issue has always been about making sure that our health care system has the capacity and is not overburdened. The science is also telling us that if we wear masks, practice social distancing, and wash our hands, the likelihood of transmission is significantly reduced," she said.

"This is not something that the government can do for us. This is our responsibility to each other as members of our community. We need to start thinking about that and start mentally and emotionally prepare ourselves for that inevitability. In a few weeks, vaccines for our kids will be rolled out and I encourage our community to get all our kids vaccinated to protect them. We will soon come to the point where we will have no choice but to open up. We all need to do our part to be responsible citizens and work together to see each other through this," she added.

Currently, King-Hinds said, CPA has allowed regular flights from Jeju Air, T'Way Airlines, pursuant to the Travel Bubble arrangement in place. However, CPA and MVA is in the process of having new airlines fly into Saipan from Korea, specifically Air Busan and Air Seoul. Although the CNMI has a Travel Bubble in place, soon, this program will expire and regular flights will resume and the CNMI has to prepare for that.

"Right now, we have Air Seoul and Air Busan requesting to fly in. There is no issue with accommodating their arrivals at the airport but we are mindful that there are existing COVID-19 Task Force requirements that must be worked out that is still in place to ensure the health and safety of our community and that there are sufficient accommodations for our guests to ensure that their visit is enjoyable and memorable," she said.

Right now, CPA has temporarily held off making a decision on Air Seoul and Air Busan's application to fly to the CNMI.

King-Hinds also pointed out that the requirements needed to have scheduled flights to the CNMI includes a certificate from the U.S Department of Transportation and a landing permit, among other things.

"They submit their certificate from DOT and request for landing permit, among other things. But those are the two that are most important," she said.

Jigz Barbershop & Beauty Salon moves to CK

MARK RABAGO

Jigz Barbershop & Beauty Salon has found a new home at the MSV Building near the U.S. Post Office along Beach Road in Chalan Kanoa.

By MARK RABAGO
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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Jigz Barbershop & Beauty Salon has relocated to the MSV Building near the U.S. Post Office along Beach Road in Chalan Kanoa.

Jigz Barbershop manager Janette "Gigg" R. Hernando said they moved to the new and bigger location only last Sept. 1.

Hernando said the new location affords more space not only in the parking lot but also inside the barbershop. She said they've been getting compliments from their customers about the barbershop's new digs that they're roomier and more pleasant compared to the old one.

The change of address has also benefitted Jigz Barbershop's clientele as its loyal customers from Finasisu, Koblerville, San Antonio, Susupe, and Chalan Kanoa now find it more accessible.

Now that Jigz Barbershop is also more south of the island, Hernando believes it also opens up to their business to new customers.

While they have changed locations, Hernando assures that Jigz Barbershop's service continues to be topnotch, with hairstylists/barbers Alma, Patrick, Nestea, Lena Delos, and Noelle still on board. Cashier Daisy complete the staff at the barbershop.

Aside from being a place where you can have a haircut, get some color/highlights, perm/hair-spa, hair-dye/hot-oil, rebond/Brazilian, and have your nails done, Jigz Barbershop is also home to Hernando's Mantrade Insurance and notary public services.

Jigz Barbershop first opened at the VS Sablan Building in Chalan Piao in 2009. It relocated to the CDA Building in Oleai a few years later before making Chalan Kanoa its new home just last month.

Jigz Barbershop is open from Monday to Sunday, 10am-6pm. They are also open during holidays. For appointments and for more information, call 235-1929 or 484-1929.

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McDonald's branches compete in Halloween decoration tilt

The two branches of McDonald's Saipan went all out with their Halloween decorations last week as part of its Halloween Store Decoration Contest, with the main store in Chalan Laulau being declared the winner.

The competition was judged by 2021 Miss Earth Northern Marianas Crystal Fiona Rio; Rob Travilla, co- founder and creative director of TRIBE Marianas; Obet Aguilar, computer graphics artist of *Saipan Tribune*; and Natasha Palacios, a social media influencer.

The store decoration contest was intended to promote teamwork and camaraderie in the workplace, so that team members would learn to trust each other and genuinely enjoy working together, according to Ana Olaes, McDonald's Saipan HR manager.

"This can increase collaboration, efficiency, and overall productivity of our employees. It [was] also a chance for our employees to exhibit or demonstrate their creativity, have fun, and feel the Halloween spirit despite this pandemic," said Olaes. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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†Rita Manglona Babauta

Also known as "Rit" or "Ben Rita" (Ponape) was born on February 25, 1931 and was called to join her creator on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at the age of 90.
She now joins her husband †Vicente SN. Babauta, her son †Ray Anthony M. Babauta and daughter †Eleanor B. Blas

Her love and Memories will forever remain within the heart of her:

Children: Oscar M. and Lolita Babauta, (Tricia and Albert & Children, Jesse and †Joann & Daughters, Oscar Jr. and Sabina & Son, Janella & Children) | **†Ray Anthony M. Babauta** (Roselyn and Walter & Children) | **†Eleanor B. and Anthony Blas** (Rosemary) | **Donald and Priscilla Cabrera** (Chad, Lionel, Amber, Cory) | **Yvonne B. and Frank Tenorio** (Lorna and Frank & Children, Abraham, Vicente Joaquin, Brandon) | **Vicente Jr. M. and Linda Babauta** (Nicole and Maynard & Children, Benjamin & Son) | **Ann Doris B. and Ronald Dulog** (Ray Anthony and Lillyan & Son; Terrence John, Vinnie, Angela, Ethan)

Reared Children: †Jose SN. Babauta | †Michael Manglona | Gregory P. Camacho

Care Taker: Ms. Angela Estioco | Ana Mercado

Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:
Dionicio A. and †Ana Manglona
Martin A., †Florence; Dr. Janna Manglona
Agnes M. McPhetres
Soledad S. Manglona
Maria B. Babauta

Additionally, she will be missed by numerous relatives, nephews, nieces, and friends.

In her new life, she now joins her:
Parents: †Jose M. and †Ana A. Manglona
Parents In-Law: †Jesus C. and †Dolores SN. Babauta

Brother and Sisters In-Laws:
†Crispin A. and Asuncion Manglona
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†Victorina M. and Manuel Pangelinan
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†Samuel McPhetres

†Roberto SN. and Trinidad Babauta
†Fidel SN. and Margarita Babauta
†Eugenio SN. Babauta
†Maria SN. Babauta
†Rosalia SN. Babauta

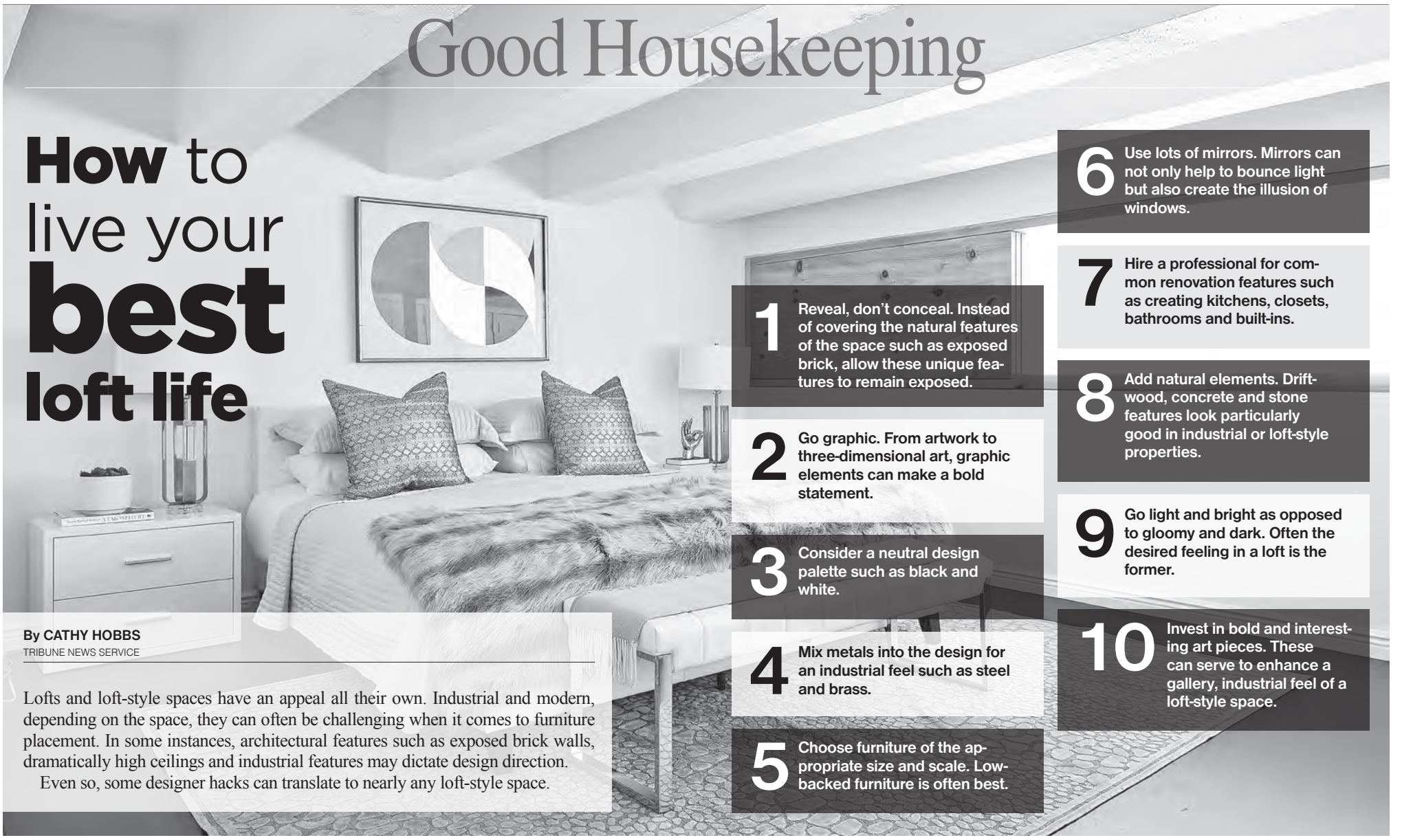
Daily mass of intentions is being offered at the San Antonio Church 6:00pm | Mount Carmel Cathedral 6:00am; in addition, mass is being offered at San Vicente Church, San Roque Church, Kristo Rai, and St. Jude. Funeral and memorial services will be held on Monday, November 8, 2021. Her remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home at 8:45am to Mount Carmel Cathedral for responso, holy rosary, viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am. Interment services will be at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Please join us in prayers.
Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghillisou, and Thank you very much.

Children and Families

Good Housekeeping

How to live your best loft life



By CATHY HOBBS
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Lofts and loft-style spaces have an appeal all their own. Industrial and modern, depending on the space, they can often be challenging when it comes to furniture placement. In some instances, architectural features such as exposed brick walls, dramatically high ceilings and industrial features may dictate design direction.

Even so, some designer hacks can translate to nearly any loft-style space.

1 Reveal, don't conceal. Instead of covering the natural features of the space such as exposed brick, allow these unique features to remain exposed.

2 Go graphic. From artwork to three-dimensional art, graphic elements can make a bold statement.

3 Consider a neutral design palette such as black and white.

4 Mix metals into the design for an industrial feel such as steel and brass.

5 Choose furniture of the appropriate size and scale. Low-backed furniture is often best.

6 Use lots of mirrors. Mirrors can not only help to bounce light but also create the illusion of windows.

7 Hire a professional for common renovation features such as creating kitchens, closets, bathrooms and built-ins.

8 Add natural elements. Driftwood, concrete and stone features look particularly good in industrial or loft-style properties.

9 Go light and bright as opposed to gloomy and dark. Often the desired feeling in a loft is the former.

10 Invest in bold and interesting art pieces. These can serve to enhance a gallery, industrial feel of a loft-style space.

NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JOANN DERSON
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■ Three ways to use an empty tissue box: 1) Store plastic grocery bags inside; 2) line with a small plastic trash bag and use in your car as a travel trash can; 3) cut out the bottom and use it to disguise an extra toilet tissue roll in your guest bath!

■ Love oranges? Save the peels to add to your potpourri mix. Remove as much of the pith as possible and cut into strips. Air dry in bright light for about a week. Or you can set the strips on parchment and dry in a partially closed oven set to 175 F for about 45 minutes. Check often.

■ "To separate yolks from egg whites, simply crack eggs into a shallow bowl and 'suck' the yolk out using an empty plastic water bottle. Squeeze the bottle slightly, then position the mouth of the bottle at the yolk and let go. It will magically slide up into the bottle, leaving the whites behind!"—T.T. in New York

■ "When the last serving of jam has been used, I will happily add some oil and vinegar to the jar, along with a few choice spices, then shake. It's an instant vinaigrette, with a fruity tang."—C.L. in Tennessee

■ Keep your jeans or other denim items from fading by soaking them in a solution of cold water and salt (2 tablespoons to a gallon) for about an hour before washing.

■ "To clean a can opener, get it wet and run a folded paper towel through it while turning the handle. Works best if done after each use."—H.P. in Washington

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

How to reverse sear steak

By JAMES P. DEWAN
THE DAILY MEAL

Before I talk about the "reverse sear," I should talk about the regular sear.

Searing is the basic cooking process of applying high heat to the outside of foods to give them a golden-brown crust. Mostly we use it on tender meats, like steaks and roasts.

Why sear?

The reasons for searing are many:

A golden-brown crust on a steak or roast looks more appealing than a damp, gray exterior.

The toothsome texture of that crust provides a delightful contrast to the creamy tenderness of the interior.

The crust's flavor is decidedly different from that of the interior, offering a salty, charred taste that compares to sweeter interior meat.

The rich aromas of searing meat draw us to the table and make our mouths water—an important physiological reaction called trigeminal response. This makes us experience the meat as juicier and also aids in digestion.

One thing searing does not do is "seal in the juices." Mythical poppycock notwithstanding, the previously mentioned actual results of searing make it more than a worthwhile endeavor.

How does searing work?

Searing takes advantage of chemical processes known as the Maillard reactions. The process involves high heat and is similar to the caramelization of sugar, but it works on amino acids instead. Maillard reactions begin at temperatures in the high 200s, well above the boiling point of water. That's why we dry meat before cooking: If there's water in the pan, the temperature is below 212 degrees, the Maillard reactions can't take place and the meat won't brown.

When cooking meat, most cooks sear first, either in a stovetop pan or a very hot oven. After achieving the crust, the meat is placed in a lower temperature oven until the interior reaches the desired temperature.

The problem with starting by searing

The problem with searing is that you've already cooked the outside of the meat to where you want it before the inside is done. As you cook it, the crust extends farther into the meat while the center is still coming up to temperature, which results in a band of dry, gray meat that falls between the crust and the pink center.

The solution

Imagine bringing the entire piece of meat from its raw state up to the desired temperature all at once. In other words, for medium-rare, imagine the entire steak or roast at 130 degrees Fahrenheit from end to end. Of course, it'd still look wan and damp on the outside—decidedly unappetizing. However, if you took that piece of meat and seared it quickly, you'd have a beautiful piece of meat that's golden brown on the outside while the entire inside is exactly the doneness you like.

How to reverse sear

While any roast works with this method, steaks should be at least 1 1/2 inches thick. Regardless, preheat your oven to 275F. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper and place an oven-safe wire rack on top of the lined pan. Place the meat on the wire rack and season it with salt and pepper or your favorite spice rub. Place the whole thing in the oven and roast it until the interior is about 15 degrees below your desired final temperature—anywhere from 30 to 50 minutes. Start checking the internal temperature with an instant-read thermometer after 15 minutes to get a sense of where you are in the process.

When the center reaches your target temperature, remove the meat from the oven. If you want, you can tent it and let it rest at room temperature for up to 90 minutes.

For steaks: Set a heavy bottom pan—cast iron is perfect—over the highest heat you can muster. When the pan is smoking hot, add a touch of oil and lay in the steak. It should take only 1 to 2 minutes per side to get a nice sear.

For roasts: Crank the oven to its highest setting—usually 500 to 550F. Place the roast in the oven until the outside is golden brown, about 10 to 15 minutes.

A note about times and temperatures: Remember, all equipment is different. Different ovens have different hot and cool spots. Different pans conduct heat differently. Thus, never expect perfection your first time out. Get to know the process, learn from your experiences, and make adjustments to your method.

Garlic and Herb Reverse Seared New York Strip Steak

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 20 to 30 minutes, total
Makes 2 to 4 servings

Ingredients:

- 2 boneless New York strip steaks, 1 1/2 to 2 inches thick
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, or steak rub as needed
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed with the side of a chef's knife (optional)
- 12 cherry or grape tomatoes (optional)
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme (optional)
- 3 sprigs fresh rosemary (optional)

Directions:

1 30 minutes before cooking, remove the steaks from the refrigerator. Place on a wire.

2 Season 2 steaks with salt and pepper or steak rub and place in the center of a preheated 275F oven. For medium-rare, cook until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the center of steaks reads 115-120 degrees F, about 20 to 30 minutes. (See note.)

3 Remove steaks and tent with tin foil.

4 Set a heavy bottom pan—cast iron is perfect—over medium-high heat. When the pan begins to smoke, add 1 tablespoon oil to coat the bottom of the pan.

5 Add steaks and sear one side to golden brown, about 1-2 minutes. Flip steaks and sear for another minute, or more if you like your steak well-done.

6 Add 4 tablespoons butter and optional garlic, tomatoes, thyme and rosemary. When butter melts, tilt pan slightly to pool butter on one side. Baste steaks with melted butter for 1-2 minutes, until the bottom of the steak is golden brown.

7 Remove steaks to a cutting board and rest for 1 minute. Slice on a bias and serve garnished with steak drippings, garlic and tomatoes and serve immediately.

Note: *Different steaks of different thicknesses in different ovens can have vastly different cooking times. Start checking internal temperature about 15 minutes after they go into the oven.*

Life & Style

Jon Bon Jovi tests positive for COVID-19, cancels concert

MIAMI (AP)—Jon Bon Jovi tested positive for COVID-19 during a rapid test just before he was set to perform a concert in Miami Beach.

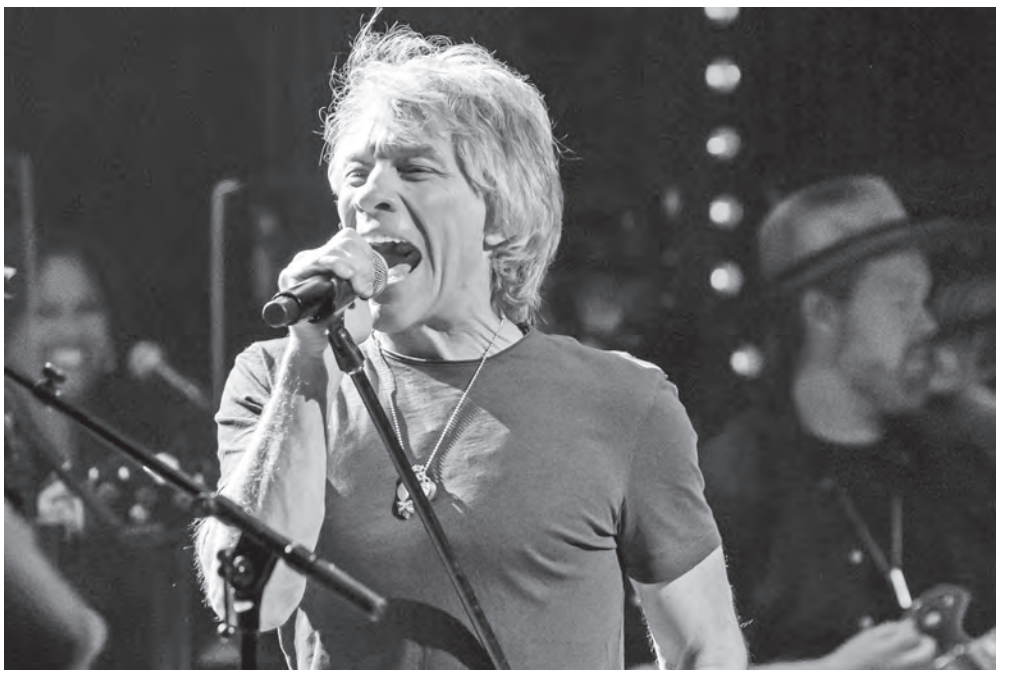
An announcer took to the stage to give the crowd the bad news just before Saturday night's concert at Loews South Beach was set to begin, WSVN in Miami reported.

Bon Jovi, 59, and his bandmates took rapid tests just before the concert and Bon Jovi tested positive. He is fully vaccinated. Ticket holders were required to show proof of vaccination or negative test results to get into the concert, the highlight of a three-day hotel package costing up to thousands of dollars a person.

"Jon feels great," the announcer told the crowd, adding that the "Livin' On a Prayer" singer was going to bed.

He also had been scheduled to participate in a Q & A session and a photo op on Saturday night.

There was no word on whether the concert would be rescheduled.



Jon Bon Jovi performs at the fifth annual Love Rocks NYC concert to benefit God's Love We Deliver at the Beacon Theatre on Thursday, June 3, 2021, in New York. CHARLES SYKES/INVISION/AP, FILE

Michelle Obama to speak with college students nationwide

NEW YORK (AP)—Michelle Obama's next promotion for her memoir "Becoming" will center on college students.

The former first lady will appear Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. with "black-ish" actor Yara Shahidi for a livestream conversation with students from 22 schools throughout the country, from Cal Poly Pomona to Prince George's Community College in Largo, Maryland, from where Obama and Shahidi will speak.

BET plans to televise the event at a later date, to be determined.

"I can't wait to hear from students across our country as they navigate their studies and lives during this unprecedented time," Obama said in a statement Monday.

"As a first-generation college student myself, I remember my own struggles to manage classes and figure out my place on campus—and I can't even imagine how much harder it is to do it during a pandemic, when so much feels like it's constantly up in the air. I just hope they realize that moments of self-doubt and fear are completely natural, but if we embrace those moments—if we own our stories and use our voices—we can share the very best parts of ourselves with the world."

A cover image for former first lady Michelle Obama's memoir Becoming. CROWN VIA AP

Along with the Nov. 9 event, Crown is donating 100 copies to each of 12 schools in the Maryland Community College Consortium.

"We know the book has been deeply impactful for young people, especially young women, and has become a kind of touchstone," Drake said.

Obama's book, published in 2018, has sold nearly 10 million copies in the U.S. alone, and continues to sell more than 2,000 copies a week, according to Crown president David Drake. Most political memoirs, even ones by presidents or first ladies, are forgotten after the initial publicity. But Obama's book has been assigned everywhere from Ohio State University to Fresno City College, in courses ranging from composition to Black women's studies.

Julie Gallagher, an associate professor of history at Penn State Brandywine, included the book in her course on civil rights in the modern era. She noted that civil rights narratives often focus on the South, but that Obama grew up in Chicago, and so told a story of a Northern state. And Gallagher found Obama's memoir an invaluable contrast to how Black women often are portrayed in the media.

"Here's this woman who comes from a very strong, loving family," she said. "This is a story of love, determination, grit, community, of multiple generations working to strive for the American dream."

'Rust' assistant director hopes for film industry changes

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)—The assistant director who handed Alec Baldwin the gun that killed a cinematographer says he hopes the tragedy prompts the film industry to "reevaluate its values and practices" to ensure no one is harmed again.

David Halls released a statement to the New York Post, breaking his silence following the Oct. 21 fatal shooting of Halyna Hutchins and the wounding of director Joel Souza during production of the Western "Rust" in New Mexico.

Halls said Hutchins was a friend and one of the most talented people he has worked with.

"I'm shocked and saddened by her death," he said in the statement. "It's my hope that this tragedy prompts the industry to reevaluate its values and practices to ensure no one is harmed through the creative process again."

Halls didn't provide any details of what he thinks might be reformed or how changes might have helped avoid what happened on the set of "Rust."

Concerns have been raised about Halls' safety record by colleagues on two previous productions. Halls has not returned phone calls and email messages seeking comment, and his attorney did not immediately return messages left Monday by The Associated Press.

Court records have provided details about the death of Hutchins on the set of "Rust" near Santa Fe. Authorities have said that Halls handed the weapon to Baldwin and announced "cold gun," indicating that the weapon was safe to use.

Santa Fe County Sheriff Adan Mendoza said last week there was "some complacency" in how weapons were handled on the set. Investigators found around 500 rounds of ammunition—a mix of blanks, dummy rounds and suspected live rounds—even though the set's firearms specialist, armorer Hannah Gutierrez Reed, said real ammo should never have been present.

Gutierrez Reed said through her attorneys that she didn't know where the live rounds came from and blamed producers for unsafe working conditions.

Souza told detectives that Baldwin was rehearsing a scene in which he drew a revolver from his holster and pointed it toward the camera, which Hutchins and Souza were behind. Souza said the scene did not call for the use of live rounds.

The investigation is ongoing, and authorities have said much work needs to be done before getting to a point where charges could be considered.

Hollywood professionals have been baffled by the circumstances of the movie-set shooting. It already has led to other production crews stepping up safety measures.

Intolerance emerges as obstacle to friendship

DEAR ABBY: My 23-year-old daughter is dating a transgender woman, "Holly." My family is accepting, and we love Holly. However, she has been met with varying levels of acceptance from some of our friends.

Recently, one of them, "Gina," invited our family to an upcoming poolside barbecue at their home. Gina's mother (who lives with them) told my daughter she should bring her girlfriend. Normally, Holly would not accompany us, as she works odd hours, but she happened to have this day off.

Gina and her mother are accepting, nonjudgmental people. Gina's husband is not. I don't like him, but I tolerate him for Gina's sake. My main concern was Holly's safety and well-being, but she wanted to come despite knowing what he's like. When I called Gina to make sure he wouldn't make trouble, she told me she didn't think it would be a problem, but she would give him a heads-up. She called me right back afterward, extremely apologetic, saying he reacted very badly, and she didn't think it was a good idea to bring Holly.

I think she was more than a little naive about her husband's ability to accept Holly, but I know it's not her fault and I'm not upset with her. However, I am left with an awkward situation. My daughter wants to stay home with Holly now, which I'm fine with. I told Gina weeks ago that I would attend her party. But now I feel like I am betraying my daughter and Holly, and I'm not looking forward to being around Gina's husband at all. I honestly am not sure what the right thing to do here is. Any advice would be welcome.

PROGRESSIVE MOM IN THE SOUTH

DEAR MOM: The right thing to do would be to follow your heart. In this sad situation, that would be conveying your regrets to Gina and, in the future, seeing her apart from her husband, who you can't stand anyway.

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DEAR ABBY: My son recently found out he has a school-age son. I'll call the boy "Billy." Billy has stayed overnight with me and gone on several outings. Billy's mom has another child who is slightly older. During our last visit, Billy's half-brother asked me if he could come next time. I responded with, "We'll see."

When I spoke to my husband about it, he said, "You don't want to start something." I agree with him. I have no responsibility toward the other sibling. I enjoy being with Billy, but I'm concerned about the animosity his half-brother might feel toward Billy, because he has to travel with his mother when Billy visits.

BILLY'S GRANDMA

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR BILLY'S GRANDMA: I strongly disagree with your husband's advice. If you see Billy and habitually exclude his half-brother, you WILL "start something," and the something you start will be hurt feelings and a troubled relationship between those siblings. If you can't find it in your heart to sometimes include the other boy and treat them both with love and kindness, don't see either of them.

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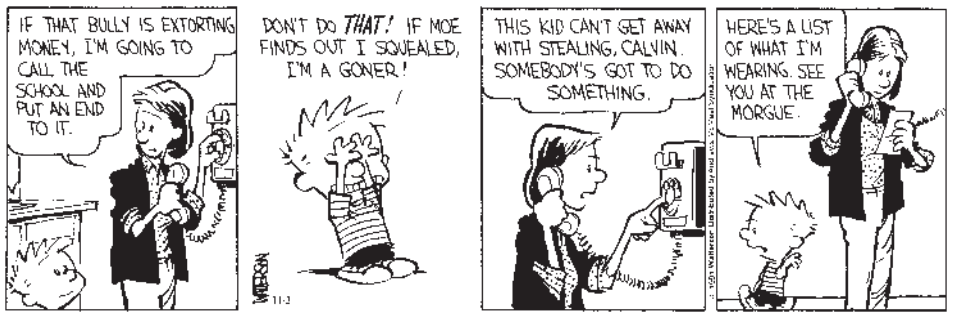
Pastimes

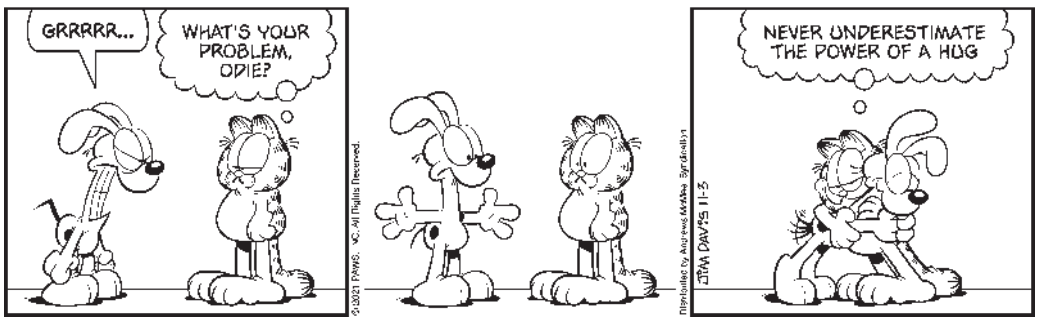
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


IF THAT BULLY IS EXTORTING MONEY, I'M GOING TO CALL THE SCHOOL AND PUT AN END TO IT.
DON'T DO THAT! IF MOE FINDS OUT I SQUEALED, I'M A GONER!
THIS KID CAN'T GET AWAY WITH STEALING, CALVIN. SOMEBODY'S GOT TO DO SOMETHING.
HERE'S A LIST OF WHAT I'M WEARING. SEE YOU AT THE MORGUE.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

EXCUSE ME. DO YOU CARRY THE NEW CAFFEINATED MAYONNAISE?
WHAT? EW. GROSS.
NO! NOT GROSS! THIS IS A GAME-CHANGER.
WELL...CHECK AISLE THREE, I GUESS?
SHE THOUGHT YOU WERE WEIRD.
VISIONARIES ARE JUDGED HARSHLY IN THEIR TIME, SON.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

I'M GOING OUT TO DINNER TONIGHT AND I NEED A NICE SHIRT. DOES THIS COME IN OTHER COLORS?
WHAT COLOR WOULD YOU LIKE?
TOMATO SAUCE RED.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Happy hour venue
4 Score units (Abbr.)
7 Hockey's Gordie
8 Seer's deck
10 Ersatz chocolate
11 Actress Clarke
13 1979 spy novel by John le Carré
16 Online chats, briefly
17 Fizzy drinks
18 Boy king
19 Pac-12 school
20 Stand-up comic Mabley
21 Israel's Ehud
23 Childhood malady
25 Lass
26 Mature
27 USN bigwig
28 Grown-up
30 Shock partner
33 Selfless-to-a-fault type
36 Clef variety
37 Ruminates
38 Wozniak or Jobs
39 Sch. for tots
40 Observe
41 Feedbag bit

DOWN

1 Tennis star Becker
2 MP's quarry
3 Hitchcock film
4 Argentine grassland
5 Samples
6 Alone
7 Soccer star Mia
8 Inventor Nikola
9 Excellent
10 Hit CBS series
12 Reunion crowd
14 Egg part
15 UFO engineers
19 Web address
20 French Mrs.
21 Fancy bathroom fixture
22 Knight suits
23 Grinder
24 Musically lively
25 Hiatus
26 Indian coin
28 "Tiny Alice" playwright
29 Look (into)
30 Plus
31 Seven days
32 Hosp. sections
34 Favorites
35 Mystique

Solution time: 23 mins.

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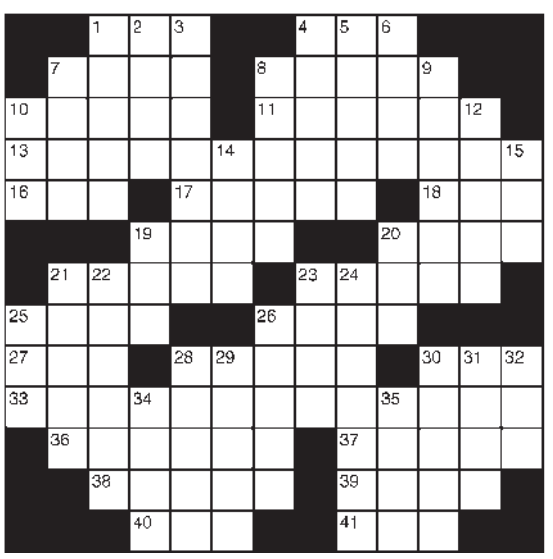

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Elizabeth Smart, 34; Gemma Ward, 34; Colin Kaepernick, 34; Dolph Lundgren, 64.

Happy Birthday: Take the experience you have and turn it into something tangible. Use your skills, knowledge and insight to bring about changes that make life easier. Make achieving inner happiness and peace of mind the focuses of whatever you choose to pursue. Follow your heart and do what makes you feel passionate about life; everything else will fall into place. Your numbers are 6, 11, 20. 28, 31, 35, 46.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* You are ready to settle into something that excites you. Take the plunge, and do whatever preparation is necessary to ensure you dazzle everyone you encounter with your skills, intelligence and fortitude. Romance, personal growth and physical improvement are favored. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Pay attention to your relationships. Overreacting or being stubborn will not help you get your way. If you want to make some honest-to-goodness changes, offer incentives, charm and compliments to help you gain support. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* You'll receive valuable information. Use what you know to bring about positive professional changes. Using your skills uniquely may not please everyone, but it will get you closer to pursuing your dream. Trust and believe in yourself. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* What you do will have a bigger and better impact than what you say. Take a disciplined approach to the way you handle finances, medical issues and contractual offers. Prove your worth, and you'll be valued and offered what you deserve. ✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* You may not relish change, but you will turn a negative into a positive outcome if you use intelligence. Choose your words wisely, speak the truth and follow your heart; you'll feel good about what you accomplish. Romance is favored. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Shared expenses or how you handle your money will be a problem if you overspend on things you don't need. Pay attention to what someone wants, and don't make promises you cannot keep. A direct approach is your best bet. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Look at what you can do, and stop fretting over what's not available to you. Use your time and knowledge wisely, and make the most out of whatever situation you face. Focus on offering your best. Don't make hasty decisions. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* You know the drill, so get moving. Mulling over what's left undone will leave you feeling despondent. Stop procrastinating; put what's holding you back behind you. Eliminate frustration with participation. Live every moment with purpose, gratitude and mindfulness. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Emotional matters will affect work and personal responsibilities. Be realistic regarding what you can handle and who you can count on for help. Don't fool yourself into thinking you can do everything yourself. Ask someone who owes you a favor to help. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Know when to reach out for expert advice and when to take care on your own. Utilizing your time to reach your goal will determine how much you accomplish. Taking the impossible will negatively affect your health and well-being. ✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Don't make a snap decision when it comes to financial matters. Bide your time until you come across an investment or plan that fits into your lifestyle and future objectives. Personal improvements will lift your spirits and encourage you to network more. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Talk to experts, old friends and those you have enjoyed working alongside, and you will gain insight into what not to do regarding financial and legal matters. Flirting will get you in trouble. Don't mix business with pleasure. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are protective, changeable and insightful. You are outspoken and forceful.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/03

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

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Yesterday's Answer: Onions

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Anunoby has career-best 36, Raptors beat Knicks, 113-104

Toronto Raptors' OG Anunoby (3) is defended by New York Knicks' Derrick Rose (4) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, in New York.

AP

NEW YORK (AP)—The Toronto Raptors were midway through a dominant third quarter when Svi Mykhailiuk's basket gave them the lead for good.

It was 68-66—the final score of the first NBA game, exactly 75 years earlier.

With a shot clock and 3-pointer in today's game, the Raptors just kept right on scoring.

Anunoby had a career-high 36 points and the Raptors won their fourth straight by beating the New York Knicks 113-104 on Monday night in the 75th anniversary of the NBA's first game.

Gary Trent Jr. added 26 points for the Raptors, who surged into the lead by outscoring the Knicks 38-22 in the third quarter. Fred VanVleet finished with 17 points, nine rebounds and seven assists.

The Raptors were so good in the third that coach Nick Nurse didn't make a substitution, something he couldn't recall happening in his time as their coach.

"Those guys were just on an incredible tied-together roll," Nurse said.

The Knicks beat the Toronto Huskies on Nov. 1, 1946, at Maple Leaf Gardens. They were in good shape to win this one and continue their strong start to the season, before the Raptors ran right by them.

The Raptors had a 21-3 advantage in fast-break points, turning 17 Knicks turnovers into 20 points. Anunoby pointed to that as a key to the third quarter.

"Just being aggressive, shooting with confidence. Getting stops and running out," he said.

But Knicks coach Tom Thibodeau thought the pivotal point of the game was actually earlier, when the Knicks lost most of a 15-point lead they had with 4 1/2 minutes left in the first half.

"It was really the middle of the second quarter. That's where the game turned," Thibodeau said.

It never turned back after Mykhailiuk's 3-pointer made it 68-66 with 7:22 left in the third. Toronto was up 91-79 by the time the quarter ended and by as much as 15 in the fourth quarter.

Mykhailiuk finished with 15 points in place of Scottie Barnes, who was leading all rookies with 18.1 points and 8.9 rebounds per game. He has a sprained right thumb.

RJ Barrett scored 27 points for the Knicks, who were trying for their first 6-1 start since 2012-13. Julius Randle had 22 points, nine rebounds and five assists.

"When we get outplayed, outworked, it's not a good feeling. It's definitely not a good feeling," Barrett said. "That's something we hang our hat on, is coming out there and outworking everybody."

The Raptors made seven 3-pointers in the third quarter after hitting just five in the first half. Anunoby and VanVleet each scored 10 in the period, and Toronto kept a double-digit lead for most of the fourth quarter.

Bulls 128, Celtics 114

In Boston, DeMar DeRozan scored 37 points and Chicago rallied from a 19-point, second-half deficit to beat Boston and improve to 6-1 for the season.

Zach LaVine scored 26 points and Nikola Vucevic had 11 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists for the Bulls, who outscored Boston 39-11 in the fourth quarter to turn a 14-point lead into a 14-point victory.

Jaylen Brown scored 28 for the Celtics, who have lost three in a row and left their home court to boos after falling to 2-5 in new coach Ime Udoka's first season. Al Horford had 20 points and 10 rebounds, and Jayson Tatum scored 20 for Boston.

The Celtics led 94-75 with about three minutes left in the third quarter and still had a 103-89 lead entering the fourth. But Chicago scored the first 12 points in the fourth to cut the deficit to two points, 103-101, with just over 8 minutes left.

Ayo Dosunmu, a second-round draft pick who had his first double-digit NBA game with 14 points, hit a 3-pointer with 6:53 left to put the Bulls up 106-105. The Celtics briefly retook the lead before Chicago scored 18 of the next 20 points.

Cavaliers 113, Hornets 110

In Charlotte, N.C., Jarrett Allen had 24 points and 16 rebounds as Cleveland held off a frantic fourth-quarter rally by Charlotte to win 113-110 and close out a five-game trip on a positive note.

Lauri Markkanen scored 21 points, Evan Mobley added 15 points and 10 rebounds and Darius Garland had 16 points—including two clutch free throws with 14.9 seconds left—as the Cavaliers went 3-2 on the road.

LaMelo Ball finished with 30 points and Terry Rozier added 23 for Charlotte, which overcame a sloppy first half to cut a 17-point fourth-quarter deficit to two before falling short.

The Cavaliers took advantage of eight Charlotte turnovers in the first quarter to jump out to a 40-21 lead. By halftime, the Hornets had turned it over 13 times, leading to 22 Cleveland points and trailed by 16.

But Charlotte didn't quit, and would get as close as two on a drive by Rozier with 20 seconds left, but Garland's two free throws helped seal the win.

76ers 113, Trail Blazers 103

In Philadelphia, Seth Curry stepped up in Joel Embiid's absence, scoring 23 points—including several key buckets late—to lead short-handed Philadelphia over Portland.

Embiid, the team's leading scorer and four-time All-Star, was out to rest—his first missed game of the season. The 76ers also were without Tobias Harris (health and safety protocols), who was a late scratch, and lost starter Danny Green in the third quarter due to hamstring tightness but not before he scored 11 points.

It was the first of three games in four nights for Philadelphia, which has won three straight. Georges Niang added 21 points for the 76ers.

Norman Powell led the Trail Blazers with 22 points. Damian Lillard had 20 points and 10 assists and C.J. McCollum also had 20 points.

Grizzlies 106, Nuggets 97

In Memphis, Tenn., Ja Morant had 26 points, eight assists and seven rebounds and Tyus Jones added 17 points in Memphis' victory over Denver.

Xavier Tillman had 12 points, while Desmond Bane and Jaren Jackson Jr. finished with 11 each as Memphis snapped a three-game losing streak to the Nuggets.

Nikola Jokic led Denver with 23 points, seven rebounds and seven assists, while Aaron Gordon added 15 points and 10 rebounds. Monte Morris scored 11, but was 5 of 12 from the field—part of the Nuggets shooting 44% for the game.

Denver's major problems came from outside the arc, where it went 9 of 38 for 24%.

It was the first of two consecutive games between the teams. They will face each other again Wednesday night in Memphis.

Magic 115, Timberwolves 97

In Minneapolis, Cole Anthony scored a season-high 31 points and Wendell Carter Jr. chipped in 15 points and 14 rebounds as Orlando came from behind to beat Minnesota.

Rookie Franz Wagner had 28 points for Orlando, which snapped a four-game losing streak, while Minnesota native Jalen Suggs scored 15 points. The Magic trailed by 11 late in the third quarter before rallying with a strong night from the 3-point line by Anthony.

Anthony shot 8 of 17 from the field, including 6 of 11 3s. Orlando made 24 of 30 from the free-throw line, compared to 11 of 19 for the Timberwolves.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 23 points and 16 rebounds for Minnesota, which played the second half without starting point guard D'Angelo Russell because of a right ankle sprain. Russell finished with three points and three assists in 17 minutes.

Anthony Edwards added 24 points for the Wolves, who have lost three of four.

Hawks 118, Wizards 111

In Atlanta, Trae Young scored 26 points and Clint Capela had 16 points and 12 rebounds to help Atlanta beat Washington.

Bradley Beal scored 19 of his 24 points in the first half for Washington, which had its three-game win streak halted and lost its fifth in a row at State Farm Arena. A victory would've given 5-2 Washington its best beginning to a season the 1974-75 Bullets got off to a 7-0 start.

Young went 11 for 11 from the free-throw line as Atlanta finished 29 for 29 on foul shots.

The Hawks, who lost 122-111 at Washington last week, snapped a two-game skid. Bogdan Bogdanovich finished with 16 points for Atlanta, and Cam Reddish added 15 off the bench.

Pacers 131, Spurs 118

In Indianapolis, Domantas Sabonis had 24 points and 13 rebounds, and Myles Turner added 19 points to lead Indiana past struggling San Antonio.

It was a welcome change for the Pacers, who snapped a four-game losing streak and won for just the second time in eight games under new coach Rick Carlisle.

Dejounte Murray finished with 16 points and Derrick White had 13 to lead San Antonio. The Spurs have lost four of their last five with the only win coming Saturday at defending NBA champion Milwaukee.

But after the opening minutes in Indianapolis, the Spurs never had a chance. San Antonio couldn't get closer than 18 until the final minutes in its most lopsided loss this season.

Clippers 99, Thunder 94

In Los Angeles, Paul George scored 32 points, Reggie Jackson added 15 and Los Angeles rallied from a nine-point deficit late in the fourth quarter to beat Oklahoma City.

The Clippers trailed 91-82 after Josh Giddey's jumper with 2:44 remaining before closing on a 16-3 run to improve to 2-4. George, who also had nine rebounds and seven assists, scored eight points during the surge.

Luke Kennard, who scored all 14 of his points in the second half, had five points during the decisive spurt.

Nicolas Batum also scored 14 for the Clippers, including four 3-pointers.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had 28 points, including 15 in the third quarter, for Oklahoma City (1-6), which led by 16 in the second. Darius Bazley and Giddey had 15 apiece.

Butker hits go-ahead FG as KC beats Giants

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Patrick Mahomes lamented two more turnovers and Chiefs coach Andy Reid a multitude of penalties, and just about everyone that stepped out of the Kansas City locker room vowed to turn around what's been a disappointing season.

Instead, the scuffling Chiefs rallied behind two fourth-quarter field goals from Harrison Butker, including the go-ahead 34-yarder with 1:07 left, and beat downtrodden New York 20-17 to even their record after eight games.

"Listen, everything is not beautiful right now but we're fighting through it," Reid said. "Our guys battled. They didn't give up on each other. They kept working at a time you could have just thrown your hands up and say, 'Man, things are just not working the way they're supposed to work.' So we'll build on that. Let's keep going."

Mahomes threw for 275 yards with a touchdown and an interception for the Chiefs, who along with two turnovers committed 12 penalties for 103 yards. Tyreek Hill had 12 catches for 94 yards and a score, and Mecole Hardman added five catches for 63 yards, including a 24-yard catch-and-run on the final drive that set Butker up for the go-ahead kick.

"The guys are battling and trying to find ways to win," Mahomes said, "and tonight we did."

Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) is slow to get up after throwing under pressure from New York Giants defensive end Leonard Williams (99) during the first half of an NFL football game Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, in Kansas City, Mo. AP

Daniel Jones had 222 yards passing with two touchdowns and a pick for the Giants (2-6), but he also was sacked three times, including twice after the Chiefs kicked off with just over a minute left in the game.

It was just the fourth win in 15 meetings for the Chiefs and their first since the 2013 season.

"We have to eliminate the mistakes we made down the stretch," Giants coach Joe Judge said. "We cant allow a team like this to have extra opportunities. We can't rob ourselves a chance to have opportunities of our own."

The Chiefs actually diced up the Giants on their opening drive, but for the fourth time this season Mahomes had a pass bounce off his intended target for an interception—this time, backup running back Jerick McKinnon. It was the seventh consecutive game Mahomes had thrown a pick and his league-leading 10th of the season.

It also was an ominous sign for an offense that has done little to resemble its high-flying reputation.

The Chiefs did score moments later, after Jones threw the ball right back to them, but they struggled to get into their familiar offensive rhythm. Mahomes seemed to be in a different playbook than his wide receivers, tight end Travis Kelce was rendered a non-factor by the New York defense and penalties began to pile up.

In fact, the Chiefs turned almost entirely to the ground when they marched for their second touchdown. It was seldom-used Derrick Gore that carried seven times for 43 yards before breaking the goal line for his first career score.

The Giants—hardly dynamic in their own right—were the ones that often moved the ball at will.

Without running back Saquon Barkley and wide receiver Kenny Golladay, both still sidelined with injuries, Jones was able to lean on Booker and his backup receivers to march 85 yards for an early touchdown—most of it coming when John Ross III beat safety Daniel Sorensen for a 50-yard catch that rendered his pass interference penalty moot.

The Giants added an 86-yard drive later in the first half that produced a field goal. And early in the fourth quarter, Evan Engram beat Sorensen to the pylon for a touchdown catch that gave the Giants a 17-14 lead.

Somehow, the scuffling Chiefs found a way to claw back into the game.

They ground their way to a field goal midway through the fourth quarter. Then, their much-maligned defense held on third down and Giants punter Riley Dixon sent a wobbler out of bounds to give them prime field position.

Mahomes and Co. finished the comeback by putting Butker in position for the go-ahead field goal.

"We knew it was going to be a challenge. No win is given to you," Chiefs defensive tackle Chris Jones said. "You have to take that approach. It's a battle every drive, every play. You have to execute at a high level to get past your opponent."

The New Orleans Saints are Tom Brady's new kryptonite

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Only one team consistently confounded Tom Brady during his two-decade rule in the AFC: the Denver Broncos.

They were the only team that had a winning record against him while he was winning six rings with the Patriots, going 9-8 against Brady. Mike Shanahan is the only head coach to beat him five times, and Denver took three of four from Brady in the playoffs, twice in the AFC championship behind Peyton Manning.

Brady's new kryptonite in the NFC is the New Orleans Saints.

They beat him for the third time in four tries Sunday when Dennis Allen dialed up a defense that denied Brady another of his patented game-winning drives in the closing minutes and deked him into throwing an interception that P.J. Williams turned into a pick-six that sealed the Saints' 36-27 victory.

"I just threw it to the wrong guy," said Brady, who also had two second-quarter turnovers that New Orleans converted into nine points. "I had Mike (Evans) open. It cost us the game."

The Saints, led by backup QB Trevor Siemian after starter Jameis Winston's season-ending knee injury, took a 29-27 lead on Brad Johnson's chip shot field goal after they stalled at the Buccaneers' 5-yard line late in the fourth quarter.

That left Brady with a minute, 41 seconds and one timeout to get the Bucs into position for a field goal and his 51st career comeback.

So many times we've seen Brady chew up the clock and the yards on his way to leading his team to victory in these situations.

Not this time.

His first pass, to Evans, fell incomplete. His second, to Chris Godwin, was picked off by Williams, who returned 40 yards down the sideline for the touchdown.

"He telegraphed it a little bit," groaned Bucs coach Bruce Arians. "And the DB made a helluva play."

Sean Payton ran up to Allen to celebrate another masterful game plan that stifled Brady, who threw for 375 yards and four touchdowns, but also committed a trio of turnovers that the Saints converted into 16 points.

"It's tough to win when you turn the ball over like we did," Brady said. "So, I have to not throw interceptions. That's the key."

Ever since bolting the New England snow and shovels for Florida's sand and sunshine, Brady has been unable to solve the Saints defense, save for his divisional playoff win last season when Drew Brees was tottering toward retirement.

Since Brady's arrival, the Buccaneers have had just three games out of 28 in which they've had five or more combined sacks and turnovers, and all three have come against the Saints, who sacked Brady three times Sunday.

Including the playoffs, Brady has thrown 67 touchdown passes with just 13 interceptions against all other teams, but against the Saints he has just eight TD throws and seven interceptions.

He's 20-4 against all other opponents, 1-3 against the Saints, who have found a way to mix talent and technique with timing and scheming to make Brady look mortal, forcing him into the kinds of bad throws that only the Broncos used to be able to do, back when they jockeyed with the Patriots for AFC supremacy.

The Saints' victory kept the Bucs (6-2) from getting too far ahead of them in the NFC South race, where they're just a half-game back.

The victory could prove costly, however, with Winston's left knee injury interrupting a promising second chapter of his career.

The Saints could try to get some help at Tuesday's trade deadline, turn to Taysom Hill, who went 3-1 in four starts last season but is recovering from a Week 5 concussion, or stick with Siemian.

The experienced backup, who succeeded Manning and started for Denver in 2016-17, took over for Winston and completed 16 of 29 passes for 159 yards and a touchdown without an interception, leading the Saints on five scoring drives that produced two TDs and three field goals.

Siemian, who last took a meaningful snap in Week 2 of the 2019 season with the Jets, said he'd "kind of lost a little bit a sense of how fun it is."

"There's a joy to this game," Siemian said. "There's nothing better than to see your teammates make plays and you're moving the ball and it's the best."

Siemian wasn't the only backup who experienced those emotions in Week 8. So did two backups making their first NFL starts.

Cooper Rush subbed for the injured Dak Prescott and passed for 325 yards and two second-half touchdowns, the last a 5-yarder to Amari Cooper with 51 seconds left in the Cowboys' 20-16 victory over the Vikings on Sunday night.

And Mike White subbed for injured starter Zach Wilson and led the Jets to a stunning 34-31 comeback victory over the Cincinnati Bengals by going 37 of 45 for 405 yards and three touchdowns.

He set an NFL record for most completions in a player's first start, caught a 2-point conversion and became the first player since 1950 to throw for 400 yards and three TDs in his first career start.

"He's a dog. He's an animal. He's a savage," running back Ty Johnson said.

Rush is a fifth-year backup who was handed the offense when Prescott was shelved in a game-time decision because of a strained right calf muscle. Trailing 16-13 with 2:51 remaining, Rush directed an eight-play, 75-yard drive he finished with a perfect toss to Cooper on a fade in the corner of the end zone in the final minute.

According to NFL research, Rush became the first player to pass for 300-plus yards and win in his first career start on the road in a night game since Gary Hogeboom did it for Dallas in the 1984 season opener.

"I was glad everybody got to see that, because that's Cooper Rush," Cowboys coach Mike McCarthy said. "He plays the quarterback position like a seasoned veteran."

Atlanta Braves squander chance for hometown party

ATLANTA (AP) — The place was rocking, the pearl-clad fans sensing this truly was going to be a special night, the kind they'd been hopefully marking on the calendar for more than a quarter-century.

Surely after Adam Duvall launched one into the tabled seats in right field for a grand slam in the very first inning, the Atlanta Braves would be

Atlanta Braves right fielder Joc Pederson, from left, third baseman Austin Riley and shortstop Dansby Swanson react during the ninth inning in Game 5 of baseball's World Series between the Houston Astros and the Atlanta Braves Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, in Atlanta. AP

celebrating their first World Series title since 1995.

On their home field, no less, the 5-year-old stadium-slash-shopping mall where they'd been unbeatable through seven postseason games.

Then, Halloween took a frightening turn.

All tricks and no treats.

Now, an entire city is on edge again.

Needing one win to finish off the Houston Astros, the Braves squandered the early 4-0 lead provided by Duvall and lost 9-5 in Game 5 on Sunday night, a listless performance that left Truist Field so quiet you could hear a pearl drop.

The rookie starting pitcher couldn't throw a strike. The defense looked shaky. The vaunted bullpen was lit up. Even the fashion craze sparked by Joc Pederson's pearl necklace lost its luster.

"It's a nine-inning ballgame," Duvall said. "We got excited, and that's what you do when you hit home runs, but it's a long game. That happened in the bottom of the first. It's a nine-inning game, and they didn't quit. They kept fighting."

By the end, Duvall's first-inning slam seemed a lifetime ago. The night trudged to a merciless ending exactly four hours after it started, with Game 4 hero Jorge Soler whiffing on the final pitch.

The shell-shocked fans headed out into the Battery shopping mall in no mood to party like they had the previous two nights.

Check, please.

"We weren't able to get it going again and keep the pressure on, and that's hats off to their pitchers," Duvall said. "They kept us there when they needed to."

Atlanta still leads the best-of-seven series 3-2, can still wrap it up with one more win, but the teams are heading back to Texas for the final one or two games that will be needed to settle things.

No matter how it turns out, the A-T-L was denied the sort of hometown celebration that has been seen only one other time in the city's tortured sports history.

The Braves finished the '95 World Series over the Cleveland Indians in Game 6 at the old Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, winning 1-0 on David Justice's homer and a combined one-hitter by Tom Glavine and Mark Wohlers.

That remains the lone championship an Atlanta big league team has captured in the four major American sports.

Another is still there for the taking, but it will have to come about 800 miles to the west, in a ballpark where the reception won't be nearly as hospitable.

"It would have been great. You always love to do it here," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "But I'll take it anywhere. I don't care where we're at. If we win the World Series, it doesn't matter where it is. I'd have loved to have done it in front of our fans. Hopefully, we can do it the next couple of days."

These next 48 to 72 hours figure to be quite a nail-biter for the city's snake-bitten fans, who are scarred by all the close-but-no-champagne moments that have kept the title count at 1:

The Braves melting down in 1996 when a second straight championship seemed a foregone conclusion after they won the first two World Series games at Yankee Stadium. Jim Leyritz still causes nightmares in these parts.

The NFL Falcons blowing a 28-3 lead in the Super Bowl and losing to Tom Brady and the Patriots in overtime.

The Braves, again, wasting a 3-1 lead over the Los Angeles Dodgers in last year's NL Championship Series.

Will Sunday night's loss join that hall of heartbreak? Or will it be a mere bump in the road to a title that's still just 27 outs away?

"They're not going to quit. They're not going to roll over," Duvall said of the Astros. "We're playing for it all. We're playing for everything right now. We're playing for the dreams that we've had as a little kid.

"It's not going to be easy," he added. "This time of the year, all throughout the postseason, it's not going to be easy. You've got guys that are willing to run through walls for a win."

Stay tuned.

Game 6 is Tuesday night in Houston.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	5	2	.714	—
Philadelphia	5	2	.714	—
Toronto	5	3	.625	½
Brooklyn	4	3	.571	1
Boston	2	5	.286	3

Southeast Division

Miami	5	1	.833	—
Washington	5	2	.714	½
Charlotte	5	3	.625	1
Atlanta	4	3	.571	1½
Orlando	2	6	.250	4

Central Division

Chicago	6	1	.857	—
Cleveland	4	4	.500	2½
Milwaukee	3	4	.429	3
Indiana	2	6	.250	4½
Detroit	1	5	.167	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Dallas	4	2	.667	—
Memphis	4	3	.571	½
San Antonio	2	5	.286	2½
Houston	1	5	.167	3
New Orleans	1	6	.143	3½

Northwest Division

Utah	5	1	.833	—
Denver	4	3	.571	1½
Minnesota	3	3	.500	2
Portland	3	4	.429	2½
Oklahoma City	1	6	.143	4½

Pacific Division

Golden State	5	1	.833	—
L.A. Lakers	4	3	.571	1½
Sacramento	3	3	.500	2
Phoenix	2	3	.400	2½
L.A. Clippers	2	4	.333	3

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	229	109
New England	4	4	0	.500	206	164
N.Y. Jets	2	5	0	.286	114	206
Miami	1	7	0	.125	138	233

South

Tennessee	6	2	0	.750	227	195
Indianapolis	3	5	0	.375	200	183
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	123	203
Houston	1	7	0	.125	119	241

North

Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	187	164
Cincinnati	5	3	0	.625	220	162
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	132	142
Cleveland	4	4	0	.500	183	180

West

Las Vegas	5	2	0	.714	180	166
L.A. Chargers	4	3	0	.571	172	177
Denver	4	4	0	.500	157	137
Kansas City	4	4	0	.500	208	220

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Dallas	6	1	0	.857	225	162
Philadelphia	3	5	0	.375	203	191
N.Y. Giants	2	6	0	.250	156	200
Washington	2	6	0	.250	156	227

South

Tampa Bay	6	2	0	.750	260	183
New Orleans	5	2	0	.714	176	128
Carolina	4	4	0	.500	165	159
Atlanta	3	4	0	.429	148	195

North

Green Bay	7	1	0	.875	192	167
Minnesota	3	4	0	.429	163	157
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	123	195
Detroit	0	8	0	.000	134	244

West

Arizona	7	1	0	.875	246	138
L.A. Rams	7	1	0	.875	245	168
San Francisco	3	4	0	.429	168	171
Seattle	3	5	0	.375	181	169

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technology people, back office support that we need to set up in terms of the Games' operations…We're also very close in announcing our coordinating partner in the broadcast and delivery of technology," he added.

NMSA executive director Carlene Sablan thanked Tawakevou for coming to the CNMI and help set up the Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee's broadcast and traditional media capabilities in delivering the news and results of the Mini Games to the world.

"Mr. Sitiveni Tawakevou was here to audit the CNMI's infrastructure and resources for broadcasting. His trip was important to be able to broadcast the Pacific Mini Games next year both digitally and traditionally (cable television). The opportunity to livestream on the Olympic Channel is important in order to maximize exposure for our islands, our athletes and our sponsors to the world. We are grateful for Mr. Tawakevou's vast technical knowledge and experience in sports and broadcasting and the Oceania National Olympic Committees' continued support toward the delivery of the

PAIRE-2

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Angellyn Roligat delivered the first goal for Southern United in the 17th minute, while Keisha Deleon Guerrero followed it up with back-to-back goals in the 21st and 24th.

However, that was it for Southern United, while Paire battled back behind Brennfleck, who scored two straight goals in a span of 10 minutes with her first recorded in the 32nd minute and the second in the 42nd.

Paire-1 3, MP United 1

Paire-1 was also victorious in the last game in the league before matches were suspended over the weekend due to the recent COVID-19 cases in the community.

The win over MP United gave Paire-1 a perfect 3-0-0 win-draw-loss record for the lead in the division.

Lily Muldoon knocked in a pair of goals for Paire-1, while Natalie Hill-Beyer chipped in one. Muldoon posted her twin goals in the second half (12th and 19th minute), while Hill-Beyer closed out for Paire-1 in the 48th. More Sablan gave MP United its lone goal in the game in the 32nd minute.

Shirley's 5, Matansa 2

Shirley's bagged its first victory of the season after beating Matansa.

Friendy Joy Pena had two goals for Shirley's, which settled for draws in its first two matches before breaking into the win column in the Oct. 24 play date. Analey Demapan and Kaithryn Sablan scored the two other goals for Shirley's, which got its fifth off an own goal. Ratree Ditwiset Frederick and Bunruang Brasuell tallied one goal apiece for the winless Matansa.

Kanoa 1, Paire-3 0

Kanoa foiled Paire teams' bid for a sweep after taking a close win over Paire-3.

Ayessa Tereyama delivered the winning goal for Kanoa, which joined Paire-2 in second place in the team standings after improving its record to 2-0-1. Tereyema made it to the board in the last minute of the first half and Kanoa kept the shaky lead, as Paire remained cold in the second.

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To this end, King has scheduled a mandatory meeting on Nov. 9, starting 10am at the Tinian Youth Center. Representatives from all Final Four teams—Team Kio, Team CNMI, Devil Dog Warriors, and Rampage—are required to attend.

"We will discuss when will we be starting our playoffs games," he said.

Team Kio finished the double-elimination round with a perfect 14-0 win-loss card. The unbeaten record came as bittersweet as the ongoing season also saw them lose team namesake Kioni Sablan from liver cancer. Sablan is also the brother of mainstays Dustin, Bing, Paka, and half-brother to Kim King.

Marines Devil Dogs came in second with an 11-3 record, followed by Rampage at 10-4. Team CNMI caught the last bus to the semifinals after wounding up with 5-9 in the team standings. It actually finished tied with RNV, but edged the former on a tiebreak.

Head-to-head, Team CNMI beat RNV, 76-53, in the first round last Sept. 17. RNV exacted its vengeance last Oct. 20 with a 76-75 nipping of Team CNMI in the second round. The results of both matches gave Team CNMI a plus 12 quotient. Aside from RNV, also missing out on the postseason were FPA Power Builders (4-10), SMA Flyers (4-10), and Navy KO'BEE's (3-11).

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ONOC on island to assess broadcast capabilities

Oceania National Olympic Committees chief information technology officer Siviteni Tawakevou poses inside the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games organizing committee office at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. MARK RABAGO

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Oceania National Olympic Committees chief information technology officer Siviteni Tawakevou is on island to look at the CNMI's broadcast and media capabilities as it prepares to host its first-ever Pacific Mini Games next year.

Tawakevou, who hails from Fiji, said his responsibility is to make sure the CNMI has the right infrastructure so the results of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 would be disseminated to the rest of the world.

"The Mini Games need to be known in the Oceania region as well as publicized internationally. That's where I come in in terms of my area [of expertise] in technology. I look after the information technology needs for the 17 national Olympic committees in our region as well as the commercial arrangement for broadcast," he said during an interview yesterday at the Northern Marianas Sports Association conference room inside the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Tawakevou said his mission is to provide the best media exposure for the 2022 Mini Games.

"Working with ONOC, the organizing committee, and NMSA, we want to ensure the publicity of the Mini Games, coverage of all of the sports [offered in the Mini Games], and more so involving digital media."

The best infrastructure to disseminate the results of the Mini Games would involve supporting traditional broadcast, supporting radio, supporting news delivery, and supporting the digital delivery of the Mini Games.

"So while we set up the broadcast infrastructure it covers a wide area and indirectly it assists in the setting up of how news and how results would be distributed. That's the flow [of information] from the results center right down to the news outlets," added Tawakevou.

This involves the correct delivery of the medal tally along with associated content like athletes' bios, recent Pacific Games stints, and sometimes even the countries' flagbearers, etc.

The ONOC official said he also wants to sustain the dissemination of information like the sharing of results beyond the Mini Games so that the connection between local sports federations and the broadcast, traditional news media, and digital media would become a legacy.

"We're setting the foundation right now and it involves meeting with sports managers, venue managers,

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Tinian caging Final 4 postponed until further notice

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Last Friday's much-anticipated Final Four for the Island-wide Men's Bud Light Basketball League at the Tinian Multi-Purpose Gymnasium was scrapped following a surge of local COVID-19 case in neighboring Saipan.

Tinian Amateur Basketball Association's Christopher SN King, who is coordinating the league, said the semifinals between No. 1 seed Team Kio and No. 4 Team CNMI and No. 2 Devil Dog Warriors vs. No. 3 Rampage has been tentatively set for this coming Friday, Nov. 5.

King said they have no recourse but to postpone the semifinal games following Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' memo instructing all government sports facilities to be shut down due to the rise in COVID-19 cases on Saipan.

He said following news reports that the CNMI logged its first local transmissions and upon receiving Torres' memo last Thursday, he immediately convened a meeting at the Tinian Multi-Purpose Gymnasium where team managers/representatives of all the Final Four teams were present.

"The teams were disappointed. They wanted to play but the TABA officers decided to just cancel the games last Friday until further notice," he said.

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The Final Four games of the Island-wide Men's Bud Light Basketball League at the Tinian Multi-Purpose Gymnasium have temporarily been halted following a surge of local COVID-19 case in neighboring Saipan. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Paire Football Club-2's Rhonda Gross, right, intercepts a pass intended for Southern United Football Club's Angellyn Roligat during their Intermediate Division game in the Dove Women's Fall League 2021 last Oct. 24 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Paire-2 rallies past Southern United

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Paire Football Club-2 pulled off a 4-3 win over Southern United FC in the Intermediate Division of the Dove Women's Fall League 2021.

Paire notched its second victory in three games after rallying past Southern United in the Oct. 24 game at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville. Shawna Brennfleck made twin goals for Paire, including the game-winner to hand the team the come-from-behind win.

Robyn Spaeth and Tanuja Edvalson registered the two other goals for Paire with the former finding her target early in the fourth minute of the close game and the latter in the 13th. Southern United hit the board late in the first half, but had a string of three goals to take the 3-1 halftime lead.

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